



CBP's agriculture specialists often find pests burrowed into wood packaging material, such as cargo pallets. Here, one of the specialists uses a penknife to examine signs of insect activity. Photo by Glenn Fawcett

will flag such shipments for the kind of inspection that requires flashlights and magnifying glasses—so not even one weed seed crosses the border.

Today, the NACTU provides targeting support to all CBP environments—air, sea, and land ports of entry—including rail and truck crossings and international mail and express consignment facilities. Its weapon of choice: CBP's Automated Targeting System, or ATS.

ATS is a Department of Homeland Security computer system that applies “risk assessment” principles for comparing traveler, cargo, and conveyance information against law enforcement intelligence and other enforcement data. Based on ATS data, CBP identifies people and cargo that may require additional scrutiny, while facilitating the entry of low-risk commodities.

Focused squarely on agriculture, the NACTU does not perform targeting activities for other trade issues, such as potential violations of intellectual property rights or antidumping and countervailing duty evasion. But the NACTU does collaborate regularly with other targeting organizations by referring intelligence to relevant targeting units, such as CBP's 10 industry-specific Centers of Excellence and Expertise or the Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center.

## Taking aim

Besides conducting national agriculture quarantine targeting, the NACTU provides field support and targeting oversight for cargo pathways nationwide. The NACTU has assumed a field support role and is available via direct field support line 7 days a week to provide guidance, and assist with research requests to analyze field intelligence.

NACTU also functions as a clearinghouse of sorts, facilitating the communication of observed risk across all port locations. The quarantine activities at the Port of Baltimore, for example, have influenced exams in other port locations.

Here is how it works: the high numbers of FNW interceptions on metal commodities and containers in Baltimore—like those found by Garnier, Morris, and Taylor—are reviewed by the NACTU's analysts at the NTC. Certain data about these shipments are applied to a national “user defined rule.” The rule is used to identify shipments that might require extra scrutiny by agriculture specialists in other locations.

Collocation at the NTC makes it easier to share information, and the NACTU collaborates regularly with CBP's other targeting personnel by referring intelligence to the relevant targeting units and centers. “Increasing collaboration with partner

government agencies and industry stakeholders really enhances CBP's ability to execute its agriculture mission,” says Nidhi Singla, the NACTU's branch chief.

Each pathway—air, land, sea, and international express consignment—poses its own challenges, Singla explains. Land border commercial cargo is especially difficult. While manifests for cargo ships or planes are available a day or two—or even weeks—before the cargo arrives, manifests for shipments arriving by truck or rail are often available for analysis only a few hours before the goods get here.

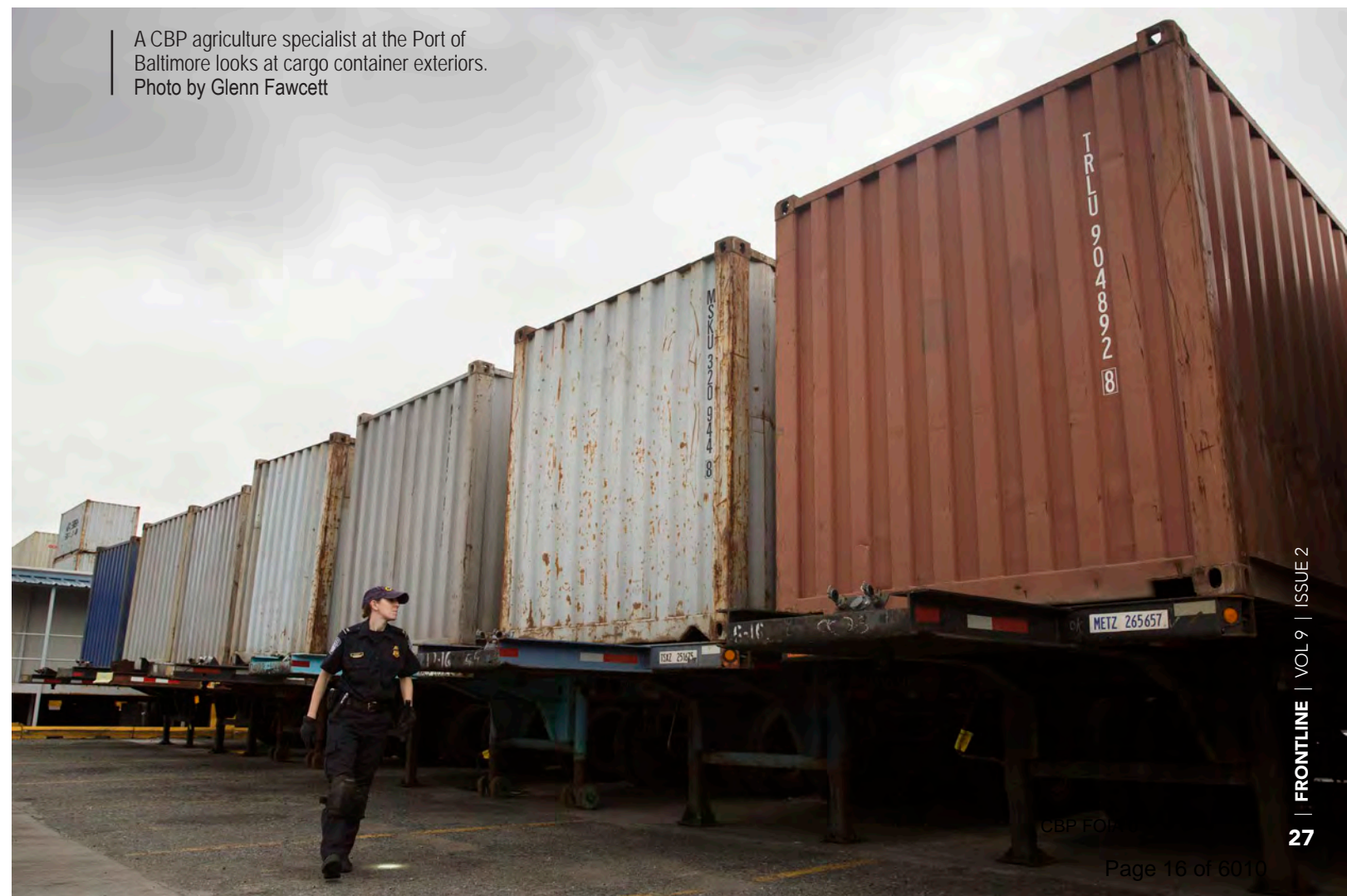
Then there are the challenges posed by “intermodal” pathways. Say a shipment destined for San Diego arrives in Mexico's Manzanillo seaport on the Pacific Ocean from Hong Kong. It might then be offloaded and placed on a train and sent northbound to Tijuana, where it might be offloaded again and divided onto trucks before crossing the

border to San Diego. The NACTU targeters need to make sure that the manifests for this shipment remain consistent.

Significantly, the NACTU does not replace the local port's targeting operations. Instead, the unit helps to focus CBP on critical and higher-risk agriculture quarantine inspections, providing extra capacity for agriculture quarantine targeting. “The NACTU is a force multiplier. It augments the targeting efforts that are already in place at the ports,” according to Singla.

## Hitting the mark

The NACTU tries to identify potential first-time violators as well as repeat offenders. By looking at all the different parameters involved in a violative shipment, NACTU targeters can flag future shipments for closer inspection. That's how they found the rooster eggs also known as “hatching” eggs.



A CBP agriculture specialist at the Port of Baltimore looks at cargo container exteriors. Photo by Glenn Fawcett





Eggs that do not have the proper import permits are prohibited because they can carry diseases that could harm U.S. poultry, wild birds, and even people. Photo by CBP

Compared to other illicit materials—such as synthetic opioids, for example—rooster eggs might seem harmless. But eggs can carry diseases such as exotic Newcastle disease, or END, and highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1, a form of avian influenza, or “bird flu.”

The bird flu has killed millions of poultry throughout Asia, Europe, and Africa, and there have been hundreds of cases involving bird-to-human transmission. In the U.S., an outbreak of END in 2002-2003 resulted in the destruction of more than 3.5 million birds at a cost of more than \$160 million before the disease was contained.

Hatching eggs can show up anytime, anywhere. But certain types of interceptions are seasonal. Ykeisha Horton, a NACTU operations manager who joined CBP at the Houston, Texas, seaport in 2007, explained

that the NACTU targeters are mindful of the weather patterns, cultural religious observances, and historical trends of a shipment’s country of origin.

Every spring, for example, Chinese Americans celebrate the Autumn Moon Festival. CBP sees a spike in the number of “moon cakes” being imported into the U.S.—pastries that sometimes contain partially cooked egg or meat stuffing. Depending on the origin of the cakes, and whether the importer can prove that the filling is permissible, CBP can seize the delicacies.

## Deceptions and distractions

The NACTU’s targeters also know that violators learn from their mistakes. “Changing parameters is common and staying on top of these changes is imperative for NACTU’s success,” noted Horton. This practice, called “mis-manifesting,” makes it especially difficult to target future potential violations.

Jacob Rodler, another NACTU agriculture operations manager, noted that mis-manifesting is quite common in the express mail pathway. Take those eggs, for example. Their distinctive shapes might prompt a smuggler to list them on the manifest as something else entirely—golf balls, perhaps—anything that might look normal during an X-ray inspection, Rodler explained.

Meat might be mis-manifested as “tee-shirts.” Or a shipment of “vases” could turn out to be eels. The NACTU referred the shipment of “vases” only because it had observed certain patterns that suggested the parcel might contain prohibited meat. Generally, CBP agriculture specialists might encounter eels during the standard inspection process, and eels are promptly turned over to the Fish and Wildlife Service. These eels suffered the same fate, despite the manifest’s label as T-shirts.

Another danger: “port-shopping.” This occurs when shippers choose U.S. ports based on whether they believe they can bypass examinations. Let’s say shippers who have been sending goods through the Newark, N.J., seaport have run into problems



These eels were smuggled in a shipment of crystal vases. Photo by CBP

because agriculture specialists there have found pests or contraband in their cargo. The shippers might switch destinations to a different seaport—maybe a smaller one—hoping that inspection resources there might be stretched thin enough to miss prohibited material, whether contraband or pest or weed seed, that might get the shipment rejected.

What these shippers don’t know is that the NACTU is way ahead of them. The NACTU is able to detect and analyze changes in shipping patterns, and it can warn other ports to give these shippers’ cargo an extra look.

## The eco-stakes: economy and ecology

Besides protecting native flora and fauna from invasive pests, plants, and diseases, the NACTU’s work also protects endangered species on the other side of the world.

Many plant and animal species are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES. This international pact aims to ensure that trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not jeopardize their survival in the wild.

NACTU Agriculture Operations Manager Nancy Pinder recalled receiving port information regarding a seizure of orchids from Thailand. A passenger arrived at an airport and the agriculture inspection revealed 72 plant species and 14 seed species in the traveler’s luggage.

Knowledge obtained from the passenger pathway often helps in seizing shipments of prohibited agriculture commodities in the cargo pathway. NACTU targeters use what is called “link analysis,” which evaluates relationships between objects, organizations, people, places, or transactions. They also collaborate with the agriculture specialists at the local ports.

“When CBP agriculture specialists seize certain plants protected under CITES, the plants are sent to USDA for final identification and then destroyed to prevent any possibility that invasive pests or diseases will be released into our environment,” Pinder explained. Why not send the endangered plants back to Thailand? Destroying them ensures that they do not go back to their native environment bearing any pests that could hurt the species or other indigenous plants.


But the NACTU protects not just ecosystems; it also protects our economy. Pinder offers a short history lesson: “In the early 80s, there was an outbreak

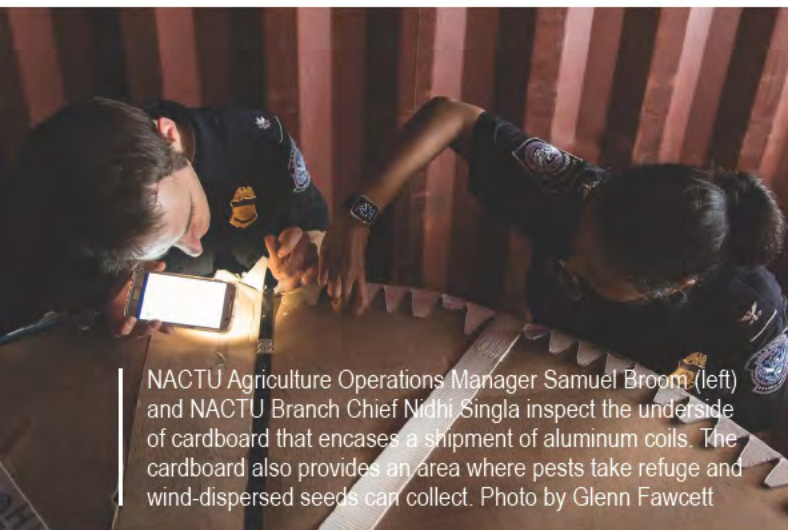


of Mediterranean fruit fly in California. It cost hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate that infestation,” she said. The so-called “Medfly” eats more than 300 kinds of fruits, nuts, and vegetables, wreaking havoc on orchards and crops. For California—which ranks as the world’s fifth largest producer of food—this pest is a serious problem, as it is in Florida and other states where agriculture is important to the economy.

Finally, the NACTU helps CBP fulfill another part of its trade mission: facilitating lawful trade, which

helps the U.S. economy. Conducting risk analysis lets agriculture specialists focus their inspections on shipments that pose more potential dangers.

Rodler explains: “Too often, targeting is looked at from the perspective of enforcement, but there is also an element of trade facilitation. For our outside partners in trade, they often look at our efforts as just stopping their freight or holding their freight, but by focusing on risk, we can actually help expedite the movement of compliant goods.” 



NACTU Agriculture Operations Manager Samuel Broom (left) and NACTU Branch Chief Nidhi Singla inspect the underside of cardboard that encases a shipment of aluminum coils. The cardboard also provides an area where pests take refuge and wind-dispersed seeds can collect. Photo by Glenn Fawcett



NACTU Branch Chief Nidhi Singla holds a vial containing an adult beetle intercepted within the container of aluminum coils. Identification of this beetle is pending. Photo by Glenn Fawcett



CBP agriculture specialist John W. Taylor inspects pallets of cargo at the CBP Centralized Exam Station in Baltimore. Cargo loaded onto wooden pallets may harbor certain plant and pest material that could harm U.S. agriculture and ecosystems. Photo by Glenn Fawcett



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# CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY for PROTOTYPE WALL DESIGNS

By Paul Koscak

Border Patrol agents patrol next to the secondary pedestrian wall watching for suspicious activity along the border in San Diego. The land extending to the bollard primary wall to the left, about 150 feet away, forms an enforcement zone. Photo by Donna Burton

CBP's Southwest border wall program took a huge leap forward this past month when the agency awarded contracts to construct eight wall prototypes in support of the U.S. Border Patrol's requirements. The prototypes, under construction in San Diego Sector, are expected to be between 18 and 30 feet high with an average cost of \$450,000. CBP awarded four contracts Aug. 31 for concrete wall prototypes and another four Sept. 7 for prototypes made of other materials.

These prototypes will serve two important ends: to deter illegal border crossings and to allow CBP to evaluate the new wall designs for improvements in denying or impeding illegal entry. As the border security environment continues to evolve, CBP continues to refresh its border barrier design toolkit.

In order for wall prototype designs to be added to CBP's existing toolkit, they must meet the Border

Patrol's operational requirements. "We'll look at things like aesthetics, how penetrable they are, how resistant they are to tampering and then scaling or anti-climb features," CBP Acting Deputy Commissioner Ronald D. Vitiello said during the announcement. CBP evaluators will use power and hand tools and other methods they expect transnational criminals to employ against the barrier.

Six vendors will construct the eight prototypes, with two companies building examples of both. These companies are Caddell Construction Co. of Montgomery, Alabama; KWR Construction of Sierra Vista, Arizona; ELTA North America Inc. of Annapolis Junction, Maryland; W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company of Philadelphia, Mississippi; Fisher Sand & Gravel Co. of Tempe, Arizona; and Texas Sterling Construction Co. of Houston, Texas.

## Border Patrol requirements

The U.S. Border Patrol has identified 12 master capabilities required to gain and maintain operational control of the Southwest Border. The four capabilities that consistently rank highest among Border Patrol sectors are domain awareness, impedance and denial, access and mobility, and mission readiness. Technology supports domain awareness, which gives agents visibility of anything approaching the border. Impedance and denial is provided by the border barriers. Access and mobility include the infrastructure and roads that allow Border Patrol agents to move along the border and respond more quickly. Lastly, mission readiness is the training and other tools the Border Patrol uses in law enforcement, Acting Deputy Commissioner Vitiello told reporters at a recent press conference.

The border wall supports impedance and denial. A major factor in determining where investments in impedance and denial would be most effective is referred to as "vanishing time," which is the distance between the border and the point at which an illegal border crosser could blend into the local populace. Vanishing times are often particularly short in urban areas, Blaine Sector Chief Jerry "Brian" Martin noted.

For fiscal year 2018, the Department of Homeland Security has requested \$1.57 billion for wall projects covering approximately 74 miles along the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, and San Diego borders with Mexico. In Rio Grande Valley Sector, CBP would construct a border wall system that includes a concentrated combination of infrastructure such as wall, lighting, enforcement cameras, linear detection technology and all-weather roads. This system creates an enforcement zone, within which





Gaps along the border wall, this one near McAllen, Texas, permit transit between the wall and the Rio Grande River. They will be filled in with automatic gates. Photo by Donna Burton

agents are able to safely patrol and maximize impedance and denial created by the border infrastructure.

## Building the wall

While Congress considers funding for fiscal year 2018, other wall program activities are moving forward, such as planning and design, real estate, environmental activities, and upgrades along less fortified or outdated parts of the Southwest barrier. The fiscal year 2017 budget included \$341 million for barrier replacement projects in the El Paso, San Diego, and El Centro Sectors. The funding also included 35 mechanical gates to close gaps in the existing infrastructure in Rio Grande Valley Sector.

In El Paso Sector, CBP will replace approximately 4 miles of primary pedestrian wall and approximately 20 miles of vehicle barrier. In addition, CBP will replace approximately 2 miles of primary pedestrian wall in El Centro Sector and approximately 14 miles of primary pedestrian wall in San Diego Sector using the steel bollard wall design.

Steel-bollard style wall provides significant impedance and denial capability. These are hollow

steel beams that are filled with concrete and rebar. The space between the bollards satisfies a visibility requirement. “It’s important for our agents to see any adversary to the south,” said Martin.

## Closing gaps

A few years ago, CBP installed 42 mechanical gates to start filling gaps in border barriers, left open to allow land owners access to their properties. fiscal year 2017 funding covers the installation of approximately 35 more to be installed in the Rio Grande Valley Sector. Authorized users drive up to the gate and enter a code, which triggers a motor to draw back a moveable section of the barrier. This creates an opening to drive through. “Completing the remaining gates will help the Border Patrol tremendously” said Albert Herrera, assistant chief with the U.S. Border Patrol’s Operational Requirements Management Division.

## Environmental considerations

CBP has been working closely with a host of federal, municipal, and local agencies, conducting biological

and cultural surveys to determine how construction might impact animals, plants, and populations. “We will continue to be good stewards of the environment,” said Ntina Cooper, chief of staff for CBP’s Office of Facilities and Asset Management within Enterprise Services.


During construction in 2008, design changes were included to prevent disruption to species migration patterns, including ocelots, pronghorn antelope, and other migrating animals, said Cooper. Native vegetation was also nurtured to prevent erosion, along with other efforts conducted in coordination with the U.S. Department of the Interior to mitigate unavoidable impacts of barrier construction.

## Barrier enhancements produce results

“I’ve seen [barrier] impacts and its effect on border security,” Acting Deputy Commissioner Vitiello said

during a visit to the Laredo Sector. “I believe that it will help us do our work. It will help agents be better prepared and safer.”

For example, Vitiello stated that in 2005 Yuma Sector was “inundated with illegal cross-border incursions.” There were 138,549 illegal alien apprehensions, according to a CBP case study.

From 2006–2007, after adding 29 miles of primary pedestrian wall, 9.1 miles of lighting, 9 miles of all-weather roads, a bridge along the border, and 603 agents, Yuma Sector experienced an 82 percent decrease in illegal entries. In addition, Yuma saw a 95 percent decrease in agent assaults from fiscal year 2007 to fiscal year 2015, the study reports. Also during that time, methamphetamine seizures shot up more than 8,000 percent and heroin 39,554 percent. 



This automatic gate in Brownsville, Texas, is one of 35 such gates that will close gaps along existing wall in the Rio Grande Valley Sector. Photo by Rod Kise



A full-page photograph of a U.S. Border Patrol agent standing on a gravel road in a desert. The agent is seen from the back, wearing a dark uniform and a cap, holding a rifle. The road stretches into the distance under a dark, stormy sky. A massive, bright lightning bolt strikes the sky on the right side. The horizon shows some distant mountains and utility poles.

# PHOTO FROM THE FIELD

Photo by:  
M. Riley Mayer  
Border Patrol agent  
U.S. Border Patrol  
Deming, New Mexico

Due to the heavy rains and inclement weather of the yearly monsoon season, it is sometimes necessary to patrol areas on foot. The area known as "76 Draw" in the Deming area of responsibility, is prone to flooding and muddy roads. Border Patrol agents must track groups without the use of a vehicle.

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An Air and Marine Operations crew aboard a King Air 350, uses the Minotaur, which links sensors, cameras, radar and communications equipment into a single system. Photo by Ozzy Trevino

# INNOVATIVE TECH HELPS COMBAT SMUGGLERS

By Paul Koscak

Ground-breaking software developed by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory is giving Air and Marine Operations agents the edge in combating international smugglers intent on evading law enforcement. Minotaur, as the software is called, links sensors, cameras, radar and communications equipment into a single, more automated system, allowing operators to more efficiently identify and track any suspicious or illegal activity on both land and sea.

By digitally combining the surveillance devices, many redundant, time-consuming, manual tasks—such as turning the cameras to track a suspect—are now automatic. Minotaur can track hundreds of suspects at once. The upgrade makes surveillance far more efficient while giving operators tremendous options to identify suspicious activity, explained Mark Erwin, AMO's Minotaur project manager. "Before you had to slew the camera to the subject,

which took about four minutes," he said. "Now, it's just four seconds to lock in. That's a big deal."

Minotaur looks and operates like gaming software, driven by multiple windows, a mouse and keyboard. From the air, the operator's monitor can show thousands of dots, each a vessel of some kind on the water. To the right, a vertical band contains symbols for dozens of commands and filters. If the operator enters the speed, direction or the size of a vessel typical of a smuggler, immediately only the dots fitting those requirements remain on the screen. When an operator zooms in on a likely subject, a box pops up with the vessel's information. Click on another symbol and the vessel's image appears. Other symbols allow the operator to give the dot a particular color and shape. Over land, vehicles and people can be viewed the same way and the software can tell apart people from animals, such as cows on an open range.

A King Air 350, flown by Air and Marine Operations, monitors other aircraft, vessels, and vehicles on land. Photo by Alex Zamorra



Among Minotaur's important features, operators can replay anything on the screen and returning crews can show the next crew exactly what they accomplished and where to continue the reconnaissance. With the current software, that information is lost as soon as the equipment is shut down. Through a satellite link, Minotaur provides text communications, an especially useful feature because of aircraft noise. Unlike radio, the link doesn't require a line-of-sight signal.

Minotaur is installed with minimal effort, since the software is delivered already uploaded on a computer that plugs into the surveillance hardware. For operators, training is just learning the differences between the current system and Minotaur.

Erwin said the advances "free operators to do more law enforcement" and gives them more time to assist with the flight. They can look outside to scan for other aircraft or handle communications with the AMOC, CBP's Air and Marine Operations Center in Riverside, California. That support reduces the pilot's workload, making for a safer flight.

Minotaur has been years in the making. In 2006, the Navy approached AMO to help test airborne sensors that identified vessels. After flying with the software, AMO realized it could be modified to catch smugglers and border crossers. Through the Navy's

contract with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, AMO directed the laboratory in crafting software with the features needed to supercharge its surveillance abilities.

Without this technology, spotting the bad guys would be more by chance, according to Mike Delaney, a laboratory engineer who helped manage the software project. Minotaur also saves money because it's designed for law enforcement and interdiction, which fit both Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security missions, so costs can be shared, he said.

So far, AMO has tested the software on DHC-8, P-3 Orion and the unmanned Predator aircraft. Currently, two Minotaur-furnished King Air 350s operate from AMO's Jacksonville, Florida, air branch and plans call for acquiring up to 40 King Airs equipped with the software. For now, data and communications from Jacksonville flights go directly to the AMOC and then to AMO branch locations.

Detection Enforcement Officer Ned Leonard is one of the operators. "I'm impressed by the look and feel of the software," he noted. "You can divide the screen into subpanels. You can overlay images. This eliminates having two monitors and having to look up and down. The mapping is really great."





Aviation Enforcement Agent Ramon Rivera monitors possible illegal activity off the coast of Florida using the Minotaur system. Photo by Ozzy Trevino

Detailed moving maps that show street names and allow operators to zoom in and out for certain features is a big change. “The current system only shows a picture of a paper map,” Leonard said. “When you zoom in it gets fuzzy.”

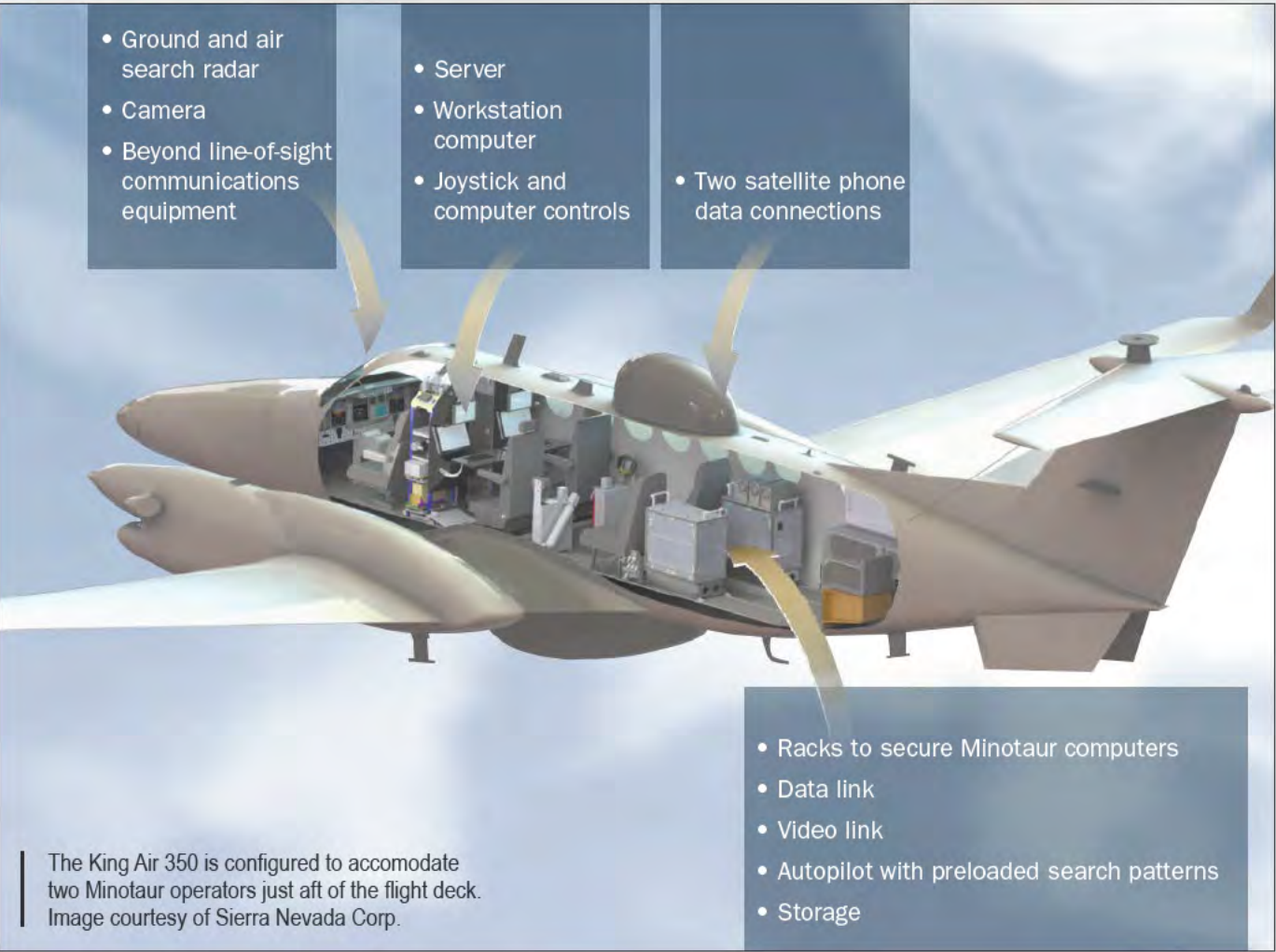
Aviation Enforcement Agent Ramon Rivera spent three years testing Minotaur at the Jacksonville Air and Marine Branch, Jacksonville, Florida, and also appreciates the maps. Many times, he said, the maps were outdated. With Minotaur, maps stay current because they’re downloaded from the internet and uploaded into the software. “There’s no interference and it’s cleaner,” is how Rivera described the system. “We used to get lots of false [radar] targets,” he explained. “A wave crested and the system would track it.”

and an operator can get up to speed in less than a week. Agents without experience may take from seven to ten days, Rivera said.

AMO operators will eventually be able to link to U.S. Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force platforms that use Minotaur. DHS has already approved using the new system to support the Joint Interagency Task Force—South. Meanwhile, Minotaur continues to evolve.

“It’s a great tool and upgrade,” said John Ducote, deputy director of the Jacksonville Air and Marine Branch. “We’re getting some incredible results as we move forward.” Ducote, a member of the test team, provided the aircraft, crews and operators for the Johns Hopkins engineers who worked from Jacksonville designing Minotaur for AMO’s requirements. That partnership will continue in the future, he said. “It’s a work in progress.”

Four King Air 350s stand ready at the Jacksonville Air and Marine Branch in Jacksonville, Florida. Photo by Ozzy Trevino







## AROUND THE AGENCY

# ON TARGET DOMINANT FOR DECADES

BORDER PATROL COMPETITIVE SHOOTERS  
SPEARHEAD THE SPORT

By Paul Koscak

What Border Patrol agents achieve with a firearm is historic.

They've been the nation's most renowned pistol shooters since the early 20th century. They've triumphed at myriad local and regional contests, earned multiple first-place prizes at national competitions and even hold international records.

"We've won so many events, I can't even count them," said Border Patrol Agent Robert Vadasz, consistently one of the world's top three shooters, who entered the sport in 2004 and was featured on the cover of *American Rifleman*, the National Rifle Association's signature magazine.

In November 2016, Vadasz set a new record as the world's best metallic pistol shooter by winning the metallic division at the NRA's World Action Pistol Championship in New Zealand. It's a significant feat because metallic competitors use a non-modified pistol with only standard metal sights. Earlier that year in May, he placed second in the metallic division at the NRA's U.S. National Championship Bianchi Cup in Missouri.

Considered the best marksmen in pistol-shooting sports, the Border Patrol's 10-member national

Border Patrol target practice at Camp Chigas, El Paso, Texas, during the 1930s. Photo courtesy of CBP History Program collections

pistol team with their monogrammed black hats are noticed when arriving at an event. "We're the most recognized team within the competitive shooting community," Vadasz said.

## Winning legacy

Competitive shooting and Border Patrol culture go hand-in-hand with a legacy that reaches back almost to 1924, when the unit was formed. Back then, sharpshooting agents competed in local "bull's-eye" contests and national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Agent Charles Askins emerged as the Border Patrol's top shot and the 1937 national pistol champion.

"We cleaned up locally," Askins later wrote in an article. "We were the champs of Texas and felt pretty cocky, so we went to the national matches." Askins also helped create the Border Patrol's first firearms training program and agent qualification standards.

More champion agents—Elmer Hilden, Joe White, Bill Toney and others—followed during the 1950s and 1960s, earning several individual and team national titles. One of those agents, Harland Carter, became the Border Patrol chief in 1950 and served as the National Rifle Association's executive vice president from 1977 to 1985. His badge and pistol are on display at the NRA's National Firearms Museum.

*Left.* Border Patrol championship pistol shooting team, El Centro, California, during the 1930s. Photo courtesy of CBP History Program collections

*Right.* The 1954 Yuma Sector Border Patrol champion pistol shooting team. Photo courtesy of CBP History Program collections





In 1966, the Border Patrol's pistol team switched to a new format: Police Pistol Combat, or PPC. Developed by the NRA and FBI, PPC is a fast-paced, timed course mimicking law enforcement action where contestants shoot from barricades and from different positions.

Local, state and regional tournaments and the NRA's annual National Police Shooting Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, use this standard format. Competitions are open only to civilian and military law enforcers. As with the earlier bull's-eye events, the Border Patrol's national pistol team has overshadowed the contests. Since 1966, 10 agents won the national championships—one agent won three times, another won twice and Vadasz won the title eight times.

## Aiming for the top

Becoming a title holder begins at a local contest usually sponsored by a sheriff's office, police department, state police or other law enforcement agency. A Border Patrol sector typically fields a team where agents score individually and as a group, explained Art Velez, the national pistol team's captain. Agents who score the most points up to 1,500 move on to the NRA-sponsored regional matches to vie against the best shooters from several counties or an entire state. They may also qualify to join the Border Patrol's national team during its annual recruiting.

The team travels to five NRA national tournaments, challenging the nation's best law enforcement shooters. Agents winning national awards can enter shooting's pinnacle event—the Bianchi Cup, the NRA's Action Pistol Championship. Named for police officer John Bianchi, this three-day event held every two years is not just for law enforcers but open to all qualifying shooters striving to be the world's ultimate pistol shooter. Like the Olympics, the competition is held at different international locations.

Using the PPC format, local, regional or national bouts are the same—five matches where contestants earn points firing at a

paper target from different distances. About 2 feet in length, the oval black target has four white rings and a bull's-eye, positioned within a large human torso outline. Advancing toward the target's center, the space between each ring is worth seven, eight and nine points respectively. The bull's-eye, 10 points.

Velez described the demanding requirements.

- Match one—20 seconds to fire 12 rounds at the target from 7 yards, then again at 15 yards.
- Match two—90 seconds to fire six shots from each position: kneeling and firing with the right and left hand while standing behind a barricade from 25 yards. (The barricade is a wood plank about a foot wide and several feet high.)
- Match three—2 minutes and 45 seconds to fire six rounds from each position: sitting, prone and firing with the right and left hand while standing behind a barricade from 50 yards.
- Match four—35 seconds to fire 12 rounds from 25 yards while standing, performed twice.
- Match five—60 rounds fired in four stages:

Stage A—20 seconds to fire 12 rounds from 7 yards.

Stage B—90 seconds to fire 18 rounds kneeling

behind a barricade and also standing and firing from the left and right side of a barricade from 25 yards.

Stage C—2 minutes and 45 seconds to fire 24 rounds while sitting, prone and from the left and right side of a barricade from 50 yards.

Stage D—12 seconds to fire six rounds without any support to steady the pistol from 25 yards.

Matches must be accomplished with different pistols, all adding up to 150 rounds to earn a potential 1,500 points, Velez said. They vary from the service weapon to revolvers to semi-automatics. Some are “stock” pistols, meaning right out of the box while others are modified as per NRA rules.

Two- and four-shooter teams compete as well. “One fires while the other coaches,” Velez said. “Then the one firing becomes the coach.” Coaches will point out shortcomings to assist the shooter, such as aiming too high or too low or using too much pressure to steady the pistol against the barricade. Four-shooter teams perform the same task except with two coaches and two shooters.

“Imagine trying to hit a 1 1/2-inch circle at 50 yards,” said Velez, describing the toughest bull's-eye shot of all.

## The right stuff

So what does it take to be the best?

Accuracy, alignment and trigger control are the pillars of competitive shooting, Velez pointed out. Accuracy is the skill to have the round go exactly where you want it. Alignment means the pistol's aiming sights are properly set. Trigger control separates the winners from everyone else. “Ninety percent is trigger control,” Velez insisted. “You're not pulling. It's a steady pressure in all one movement. And you don't stop.” Uneven pressure can lift the pistol's barrel just enough to miss the mark, he said.

“Once the shot is made, don't dwell on it,” advised Shawn Becker, a team member and supervisory Border Patrol agent who enjoys mentoring new shooters. “Look to the next shot.” Thinking about it is a distraction and wastes valuable seconds, he explained. “Concentrate on what to do next,” Becker said. “Don't dwell on the score.”

Top shooters not only have good vision, they also visualize, said world record holder Robert Vadasz. “They see wind, humidity, elevation,” factors that affect a bullet's path. “Some days, I can see the bullet traveling down range.” Muscle memory, to precisely perform mechanical tasks such as aiming or trigger-



At the 2016 Rocky Mountain Nationals in Raton, New Mexico, shooters fire while sitting, kneeling, prone and standing. Photo by Edgar Ramos



Lilia Maite-Ferrer gets some advice from team captain Art Velez after firing in the four-shooter squad semi-automatic pistol match at the 2016 Rocky Mountain Nationals in Raton, New Mexico. Photo by Edgar Ramos



Rebecca Brudnok fires from 7-yard line and Araceli Woods coaches during the four-shooter revolver match at the 2016 National Police Shooting Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Photo by Edgar Ramos



pulling without thinking, is also crucial and it only comes with repetition. "I've fired over 100,000 rounds," said Vadasz, describing his dedication to practicing.

Keeping equipment in perfect condition is critical. Guns, he said, are machines that can break down. "A bad round or a sliver of metal is all it takes" to lose, he said.

Proper mindset is essential: Have a winning attitude and expect success, but be ready to accept failure and to learn from your mistakes, Vadasz stressed. "I've lost a lot more than I ever won," he added.

Then there's commitment. Along with the mental drain from the events, the team is frequently on the road from April to September which takes a toll on work and family. "You've got to be dedicated and willing to persevere," said Ben Morrow, a Border Patrol intelligence agent and former team captain. "Not everything will work out."

At the same time, there's plenty of support, mentoring and camaraderie. "There's no ego" among team members, Morrow said. "We reach out to assist." He said members will let new members borrow guns or ammunition to offset sizable startup expenses.

He told a story of the time his pistol failed to work, keeping him from entering a local match in Long Beach, California. "I knew I was out," recalled Morrow, a 20-year Border Patrol veteran who's won several national titles. So one of his competitors, a Los Angeles police officer, nobly offered to fix it. "He had all the tools and experience repairing guns," he said. The gun

was repaired, Morrow was back in the game and ended up beating the officer. "That's the kind of camaraderie we have."

Just ask Acting Border Patrol Supervisor Tracy Wong.

Nine years into her career and a contender in many local matches in San Diego, Wong is enjoying her second competitive shooting season. "Everyone is so open to helping you," she said. "It really makes a difference." Wong is one of four women serving as national team alternates while enrolled in the marksmanship development program, where she's paired with a mentor at shooting events. "You get to shoot an entire week at a tournament," Wong said. "That's where my skills and confidence greatly improved. At the nationals, my score went up 100 points. It's a great honor to be on the team."

Morrow also promotes that type of unity by coaching children in the BB gun matches that are part of state shooting events. Children from 5 to 13 years old compete while learning about gun safety. "This teaches sportsmanship," he said. "At the end, we have a banquet. It's fun to give back." Like their adult counterparts, the youths have their own NRA-sponsored championships.

Being on the team, Morrow said, means being part of an exclusive history. "I think about our legacy all the time," he admitted. "We all know better shooters came before us and we don't want to let them down. I'm going to compete until I can't hit the target."



This combined group of the Border Patrol's National Pistol Team and marksmanship development unit competed at the 2016 Rocky Mountain Nationals in Raton, New Mexico. From left: Tracy Wong (MDU), Lillia Maite-Ferrer (MDU), Tony Simmons, Brett Sullivan, Rob Vadasz, Drew Signell, Jason Crawford, Alaric Mason, Ben Morrow, Art Velez (team captain), Jeremy David and Araceli Woods (MDU). Not pictured, team members Adam Kovatch and Shawn Becker. Photo by Edgar Ramos

## Widespread Opioid Use Prompts Precautions from Commissioner

Acting Commissioner Kevin K. McAleenan reached out to CBP's frontline force to ensure they remain safe when encountering opioids and fentanyl. CBP's law enforcers are more likely to come across those drugs because seizures have tripled since fiscal year 2015.

"Your safety always comes first," he said in an Aug. 15 message that outlines the precautions and treatments officers and agents, along with laboratory workers, emergency responders and all law enforcement, need to be aware of to protect themselves and the citizens they serve.

Opioids and fentanyl are epidemics sweeping the nation and the leading killer of people less than 50 years old. Fentanyl, a pain medication, is powerful—up to 100 times more potent than morphine. Overdoses point to the way fentanyl is made in illegal laboratories, reports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Decreased consciousness, slow breathing and pinpoint pupils are signs of fentanyl and opioid intoxication, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The DEA also lists rapid heart rate, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness, among the other symptoms.

For overdoses, fentanyl can be reversed by Naloxone, a prescription medicine with the brand name Narcan. Naloxone is extremely safe and should be used when an opioid overdose is suspected and then bring the victim to a hospital, as stated by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The National Institutes of Health outlines steps CBP personnel can take to reduce fentanyl exposure. They include using personal protective equipment and washing skin that may have contacted the drug with soap and water. If a uniform or any of its items become contaminated, double bag it while using basic personal protective equipment—gloves, mask and eye protection. Fentanyl, even as small as grains of sand, is dangerous if entering the eyes, nose and mouth, areas where ingestion is most possible, according to the NIH.

Throughout all the protocols dealing with opioids, one precaution is constantly stressed—hand washing with copious amounts of soap and water. Wash after handling opioids; wash after every shift; and wash before eating, drinking or smoking. However, don't use alcohol-based hand sanitizers because they allow the skin to absorb the drugs, advises the DEA.

For more information and guidance visit:

<https://uconnect.cbpnet.cbp.dhs.gov/sites/OFO/ops/imd/EMS/Pages/OFO-Fentanyl-and-Naloxone.aspx>



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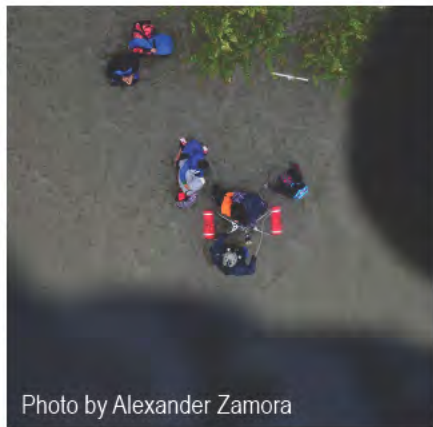


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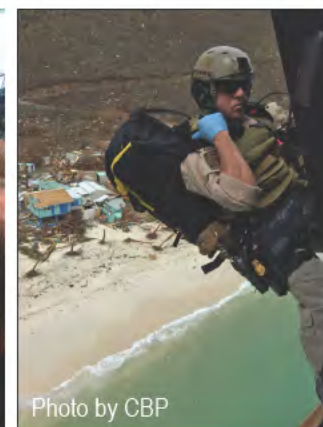


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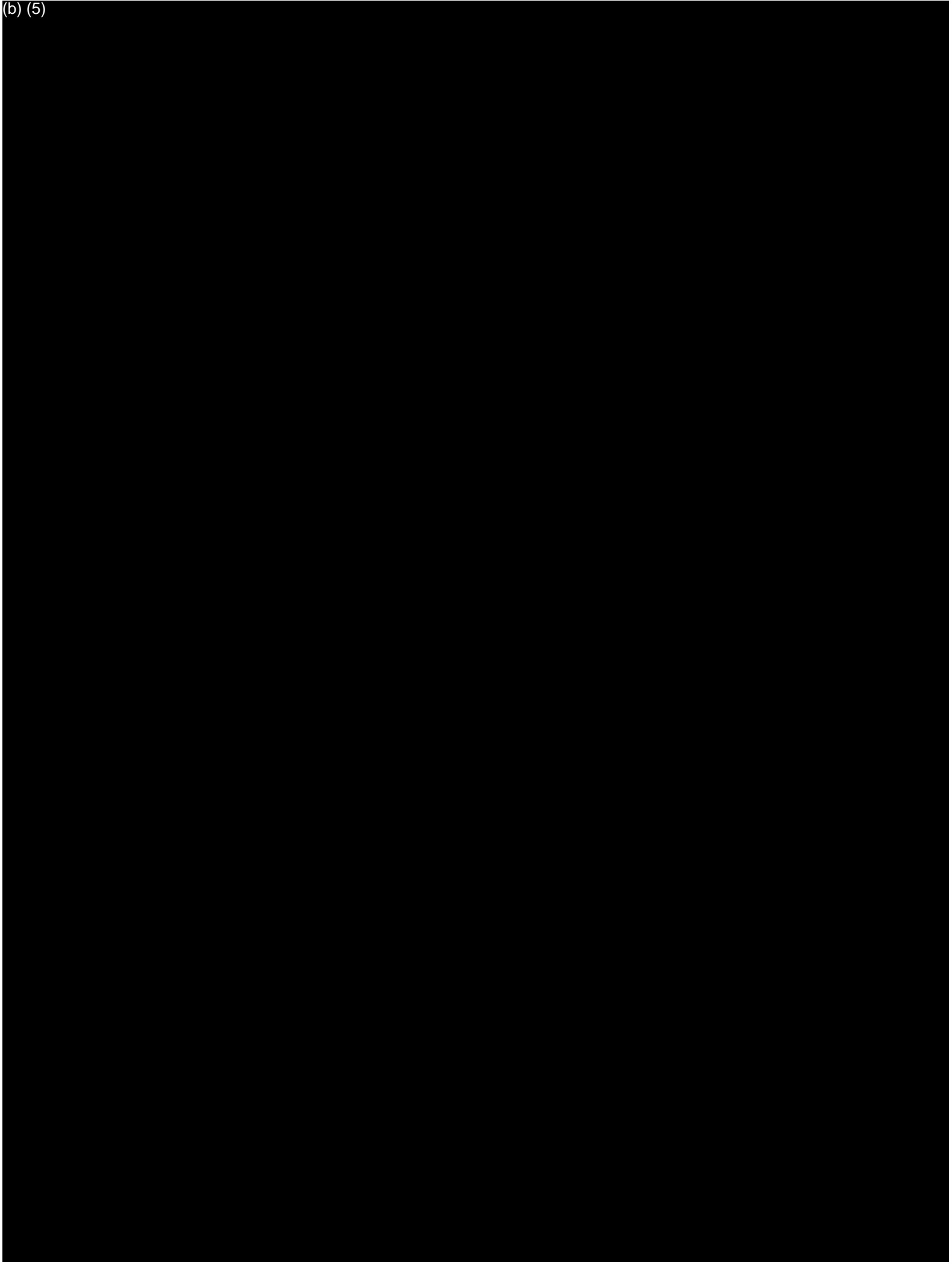












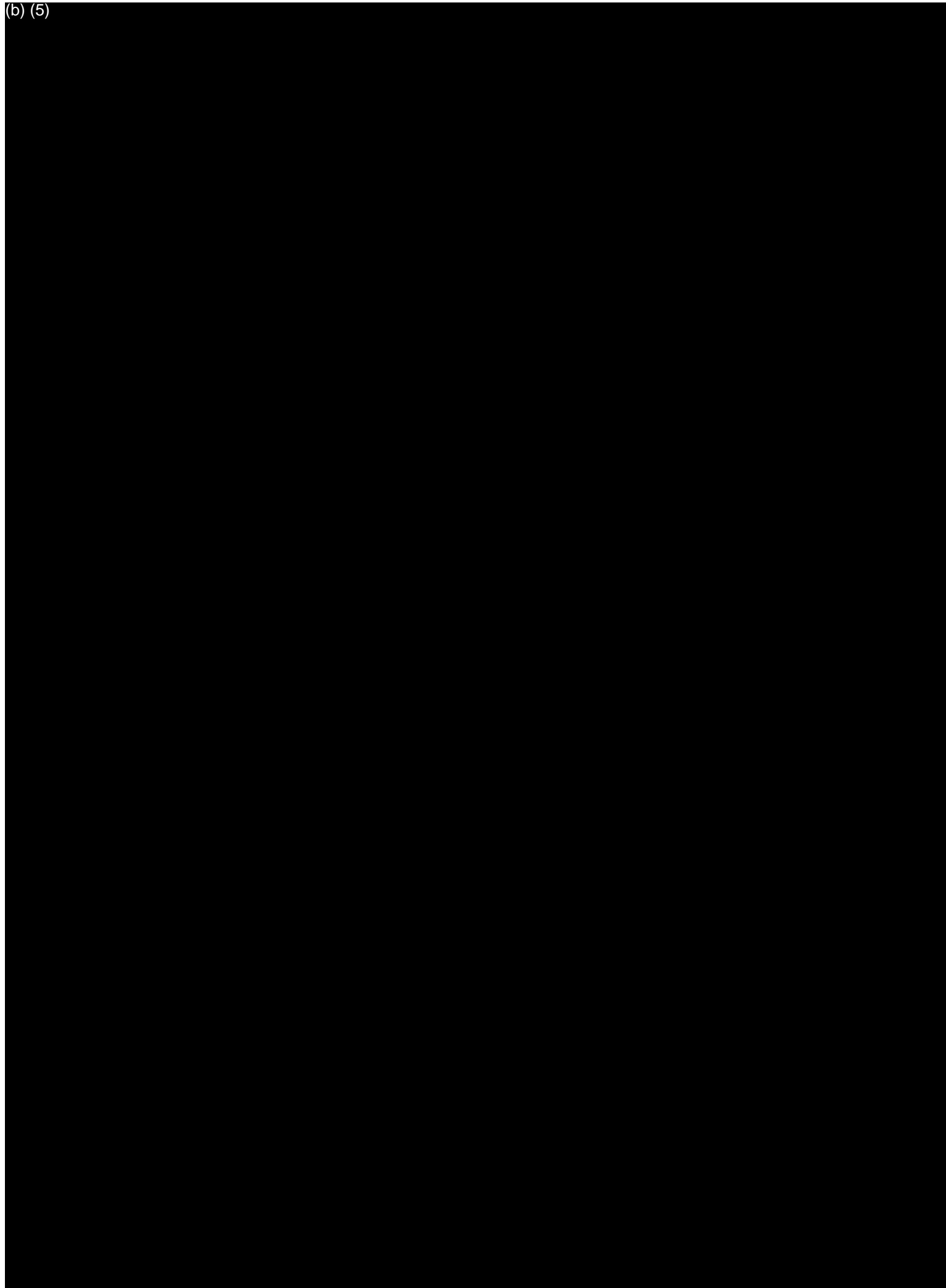








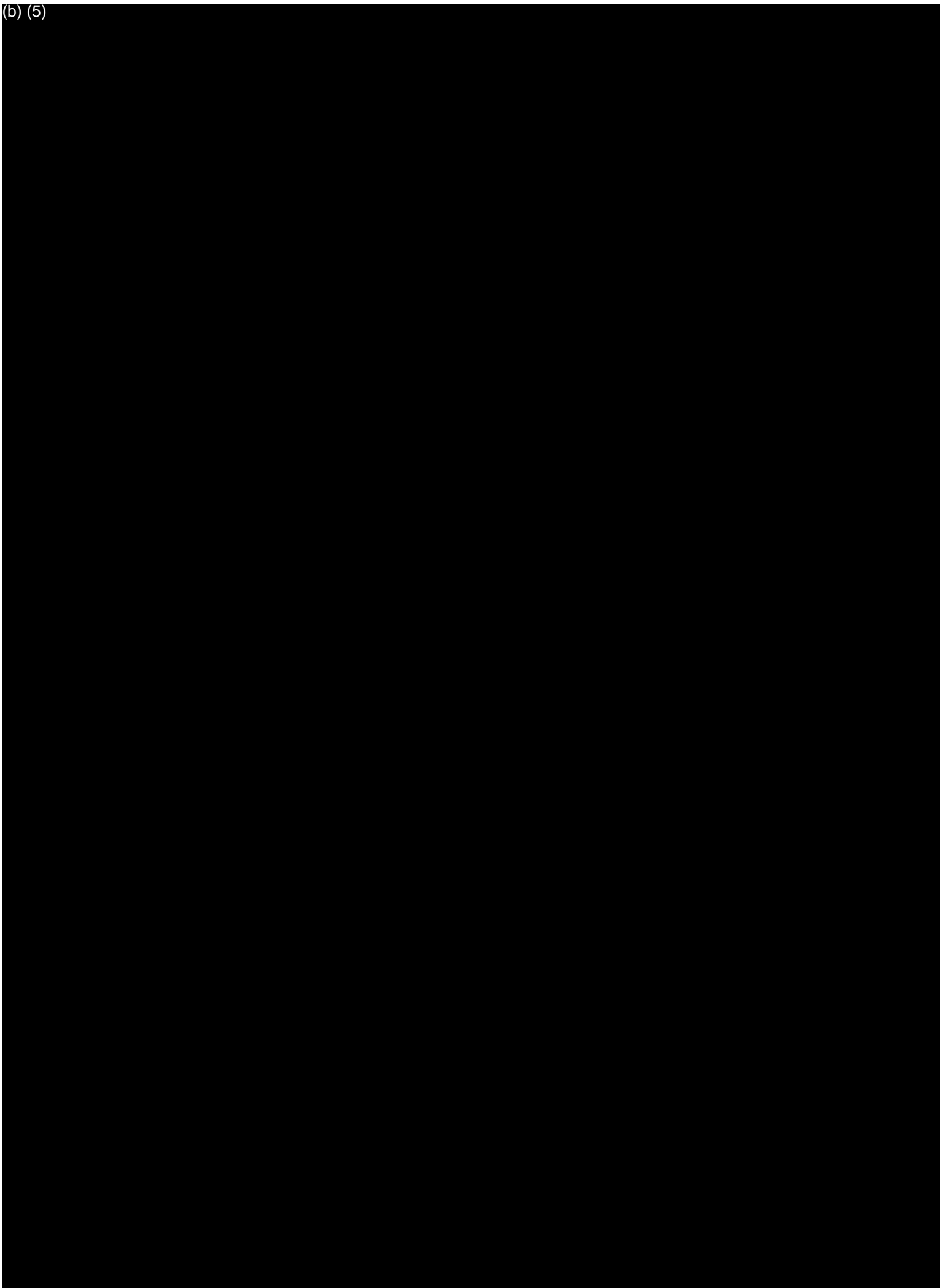
































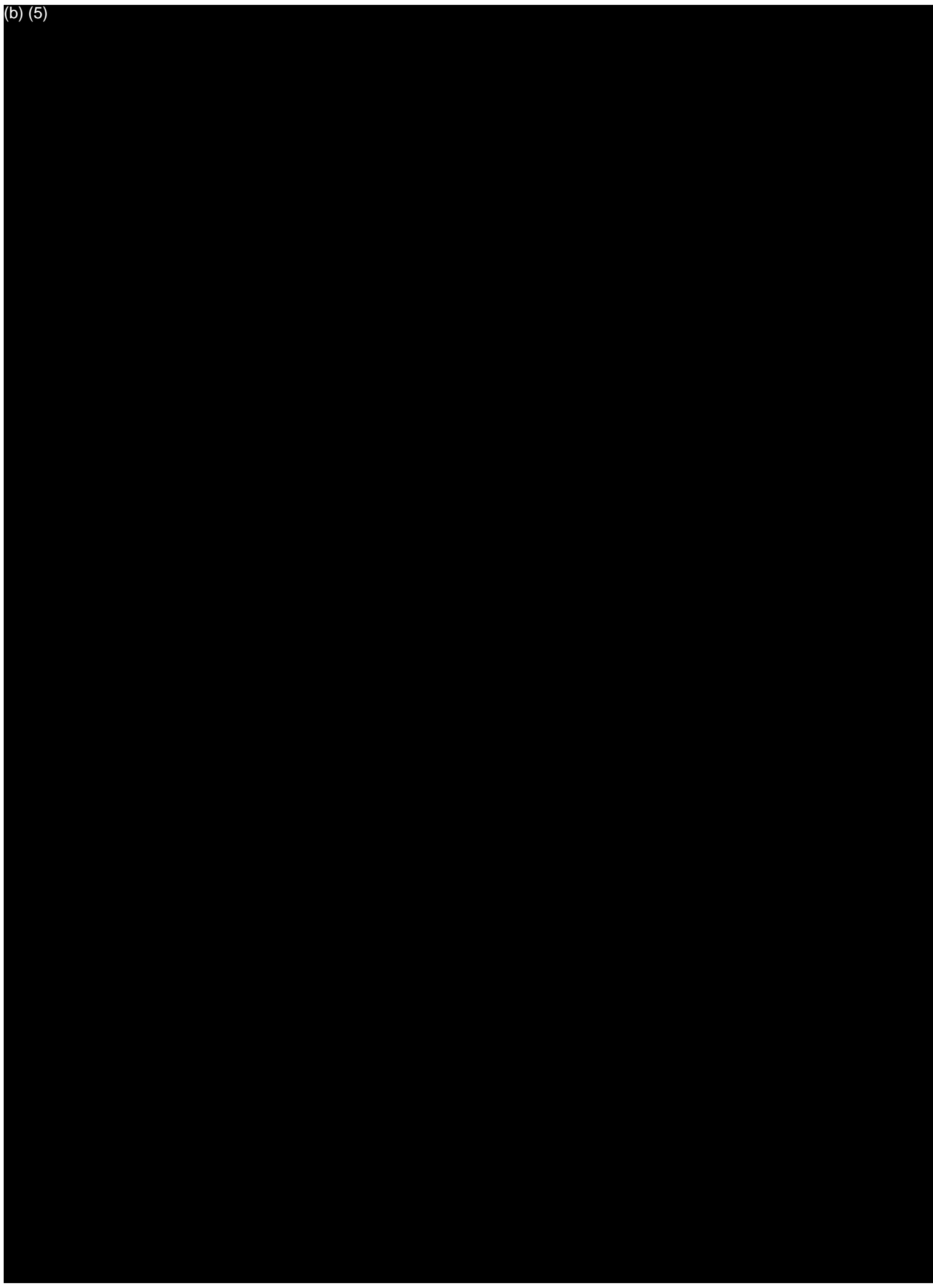




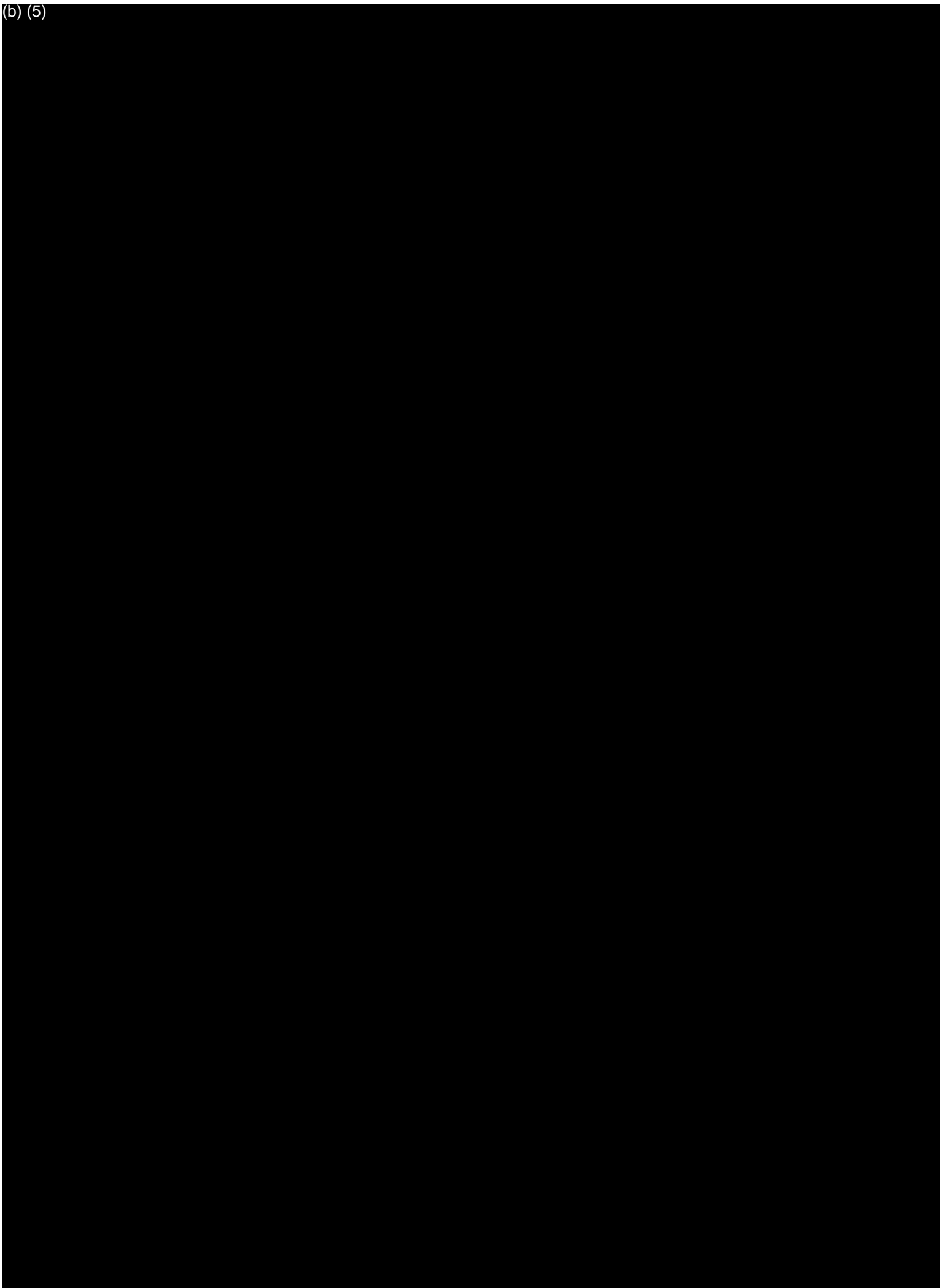






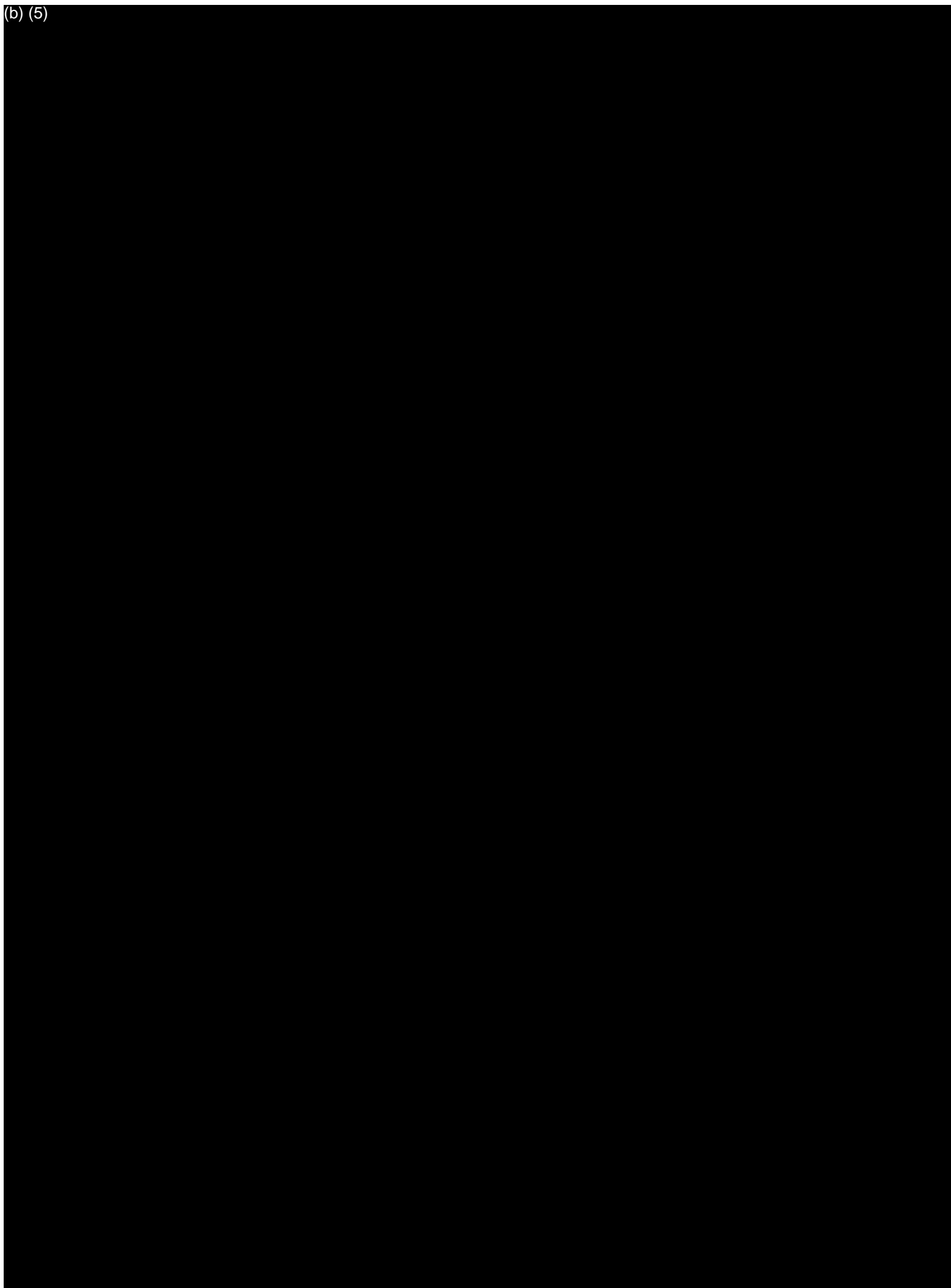




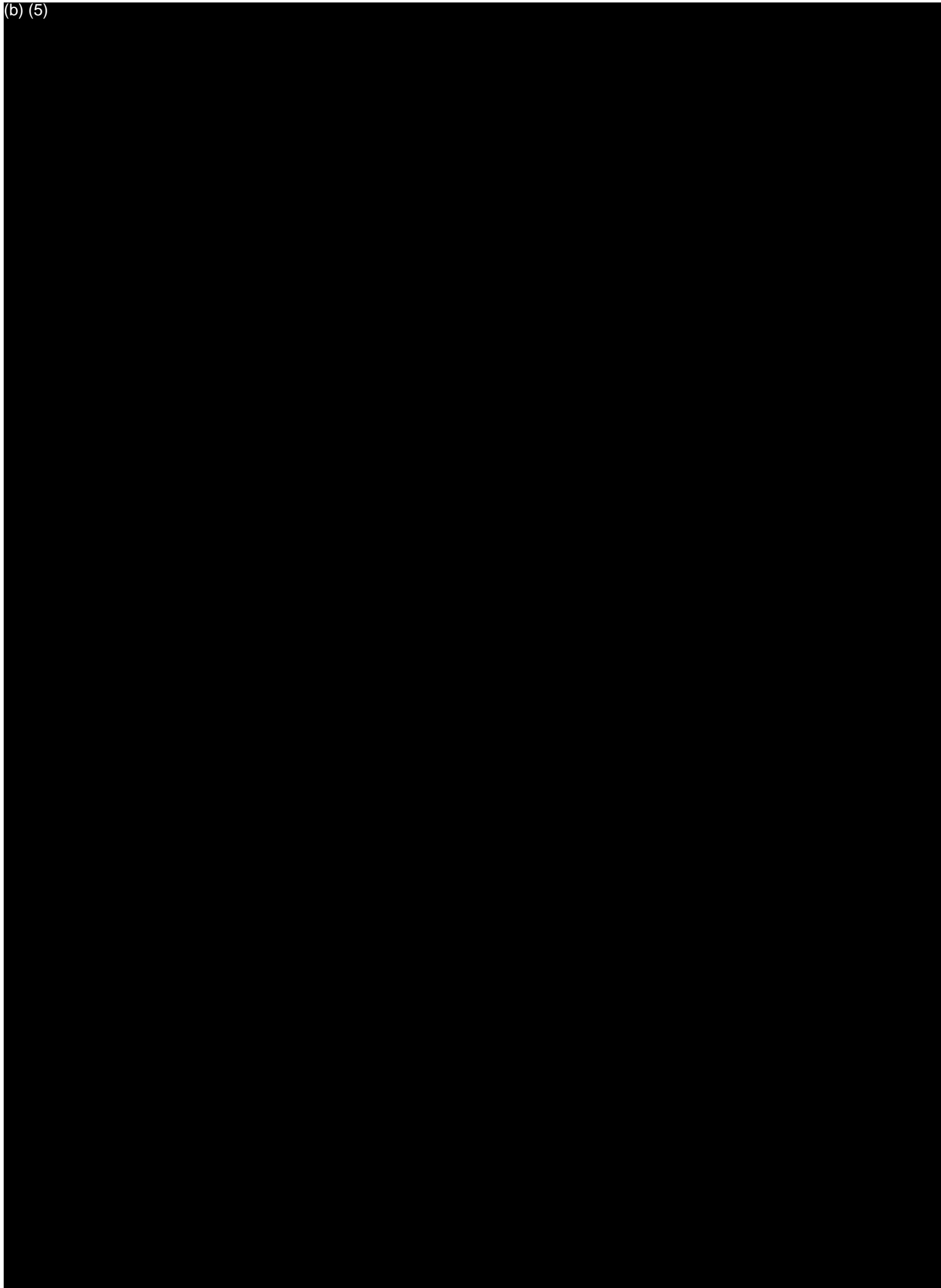












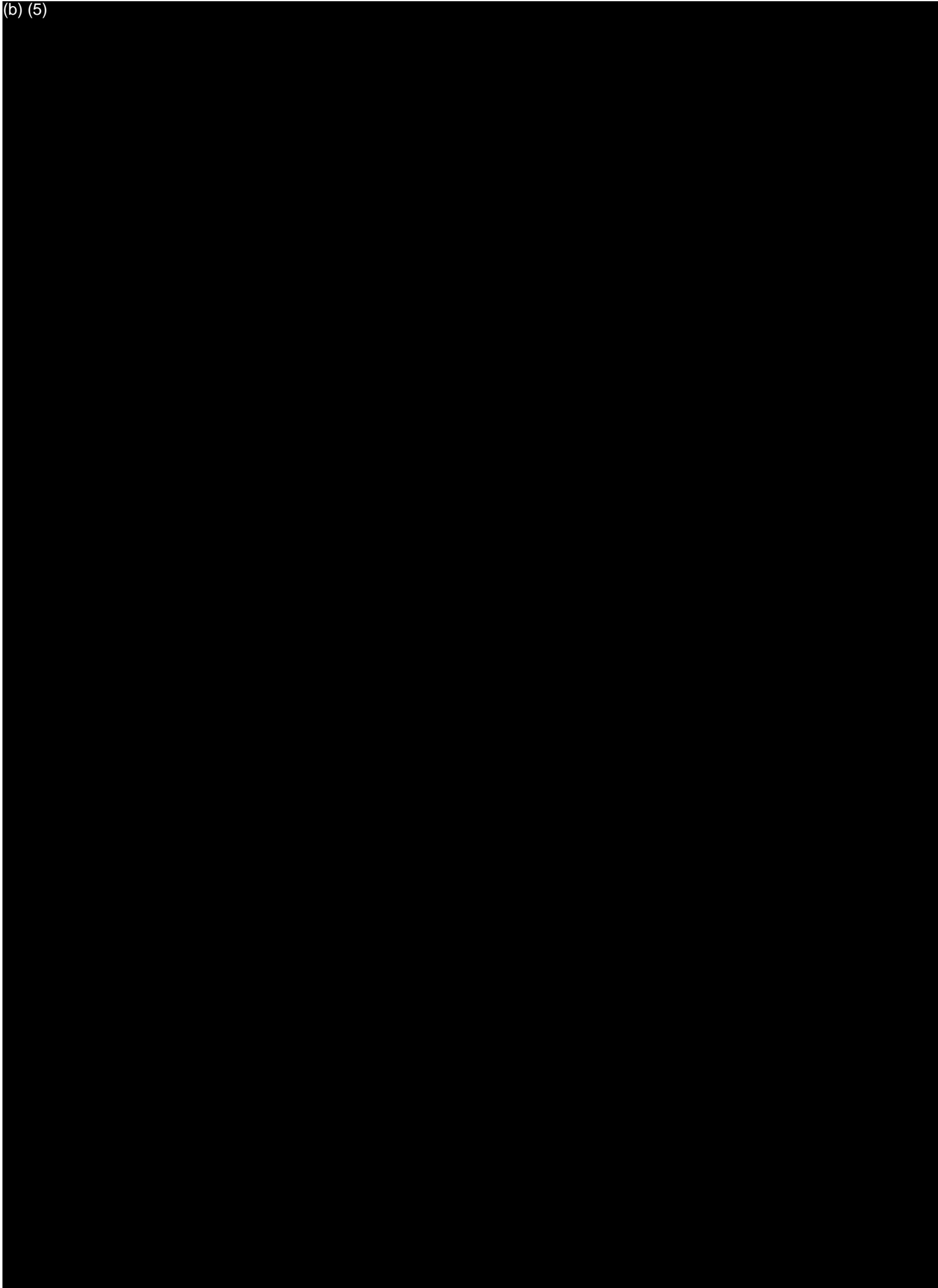






























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U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

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PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 601. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available in this title are in addition to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2017.

This division may be cited as the “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017”.



# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 26, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Leader McConnell and Chairman Cochran:

With the expiration of the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Act on September 30, 2017, we believe that a bipartisan and bicameral agreement is needed to replace the irresponsible post-sequestration limits on defense and non-defense discretionary spending that remain in law. Democrats and Republicans demonstrated just recently that we can successfully pass spending bills when we put partisan ideology aside and work together on legislation that helps the middle class by growing the economy. Therefore, we want to reaffirm our principles for the budget and appropriations process and convey our expectations for a Fiscal Year 2018 agreement.

First, we must provide significant relief from sequestration. The sequestration budget cuts required by the Budget Control Act Of 2011 will have long-lasting consequences for America's hard-working families. Discretionary programs are critical for our national security, for creating infrastructure jobs across the nation, caring for our veterans, cleaning up our environment, and advancing scientific knowledge. We should not return to the post-sequestration limits on spending.

Second, we are committed to continuing the parity principle that has guided each of our recent bipartisan budget agreements. In the same way sequestration has undermined military readiness, sequestration has inhibited economic growth and job creation by failing to adequately invest in the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive: roads, bridges, transit and railroad systems, broadband, ports, airports, waterways, schools, and safe and clean water systems. It has eroded our investments in education, worker training, public health and community development that strengthen the middle class and working families. These shortfalls hurt the American people, our economy and make us less secure as a nation. On top of all this, it is now clear we face a shortfall when it comes to adequately funding veterans' health care. For these reasons, we must provide equal relief for both defense and non-defense programs that power our local economies.

Third, as we process the annual appropriations bills, it is essential that they not include poison pill riders, such as those that roll back protections for our veterans, the environment, consumers, and workers; or prohibit funds for critical healthcare services for women through Planned Parenthood. We strongly oppose the inclusion of such riders in any of the must-pass appropriations bills that fund the government.

Finally, we are once again concerned with the President's Fiscal Year 2018 request for a very expensive, ineffective new wall along the southern border with Mexico and new funding for the Department of Homeland Security to hire a "deportation force" and increase detention beds. In addition to the concerns about the border wall we outlined in our March 13, 2017, letter, we are troubled by a new funding request for the Department of Justice to hire an eminent domain strike team, which we understand to be litigators whose sole job will be to assert eminent domain and take private lands from American taxpayers to build a border wall.

Funding for the government will expire on September 30 unless Congress acts. We are confident that the two parties can resolve our differences before then if we oppose the cuts proposed in the President's Fiscal Year 2018 budget and instead adhere to the principles laid out above – just like we did in April of this year for Fiscal Year 2017. However, we want to reiterate our position that we must complete *all* of the 12 appropriations bills, not just a select few. It is our responsibility to fund the government fully and on time and we are committed to working toward that goal.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We look forward to working with you in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,



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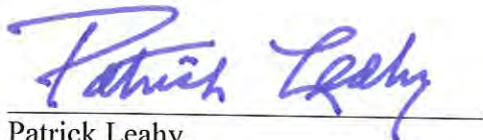
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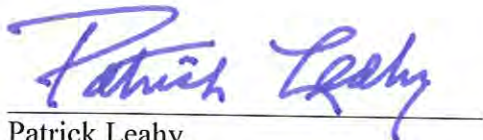
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BM: Yes

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This meeting will be used to prep the C2 for his wall subcommittee briefing.

Attendees:

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## TITLE VI

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

## SECURITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND INVESTIGATIONS

## U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

## OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For an additional amount for “Operations and Support”, \$274,813,000, to remain available until September 30, 2018, which shall be available as follows:

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*Provided*, That the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a risk-based plan for improving security along the borders of the United States, including the use of personnel, fencing, other forms of tactical infrastructure, and technology, that—

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(B) mission benefits and outcomes;

(C) program management capabilities; and

(D) lifecycle cost estimates;

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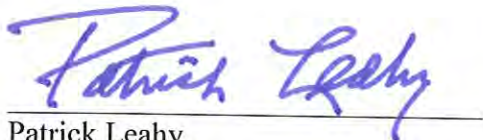
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[REDACTED] just ran into DEAC Wagner and he mentioned that he would like to be included in this meeting ...I know he is going to Detroit soon so can we schedule the meeting hopefully this week?

Thanks!

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I know things are extremely busy right now but do you have time either this week or next to help us walk through concepts for the cover? We can do this via conference call...

Thanks!! Take care,

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## **Biometric Breakthrough**

### **How CBP is meeting its mandate and keeping America safe**

**By Marcy Mason**

It's 7:45 on a Wednesday morning in May at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and passengers are boarding Delta Air Lines flight 334 to Mexico City. One by one the passengers scan their boarding passes and approach a camera that's set up on a jetway where they have their pictures taken before they board the flight.

The photos are being matched through biometric facial recognition technology to photos that were previously taken of the passengers for their passports, visas, or other government documentation. All is moving smoothly until the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers assisting the passengers are alerted that they need to check one of the travelers.

It's a young, 28-year old woman, a Mexican national with a Mexican passport. The biometric camera system alerted the officers because when preflight information was gathered on the woman, no historical photos that she could be matched against were found.

A CBP officer took the woman aside and looked at her passport. No visa was attached and the woman didn't have a green card to prove she was a lawful permanent resident. Upon further questioning, the woman admitted that four years ago, she had entered the U.S. without inspection and had come into the country illegally.

Using a specially designed, CBP biometric mobile device, the officer took fingerprints of the woman's two index fingers. "This was the first time that we had captured this individual's biometrics, her unique physical traits," said Bianca Frazier, a CBP Enforcement Officer who works at the Atlanta Airport. "We didn't have her biometrics because we had never encountered her before."

As early as 2002, shortly after September 11, legislation was passed requiring the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to use biometric technology to issue visas and screen non-U.S. citizens entering the U.S. Then in 2004, more legislation was passed, authorizing DHS to collect biometric data from non-U.S. citizens exiting the country.

According to Frazier, finding people who have entered the country illegally is common. Since June 2016, when CBP and Delta Air Lines launched a pilot to test CBP's biometric facial recognition exit technology, passengers like the young Mexican woman have been found daily. "She was typical of the people who have entered without inspection," said Frazier. "Most days we find a minimum of two or three undocumented people, but sometimes we find as many as eight to 10 boarding a flight."

Ultimately, the woman was allowed to board the flight, but when Frazier used CBP's mobile device to take her fingerprints, it created a fingerprint identification number or FIN number that is specifically tied to the woman. In the future, if she applies for a visa to return to the U.S. or is encountered crossing the border illegally, an alert will be triggered, indicating that the woman had previously entered the U.S. illegally and is on a lookout list. Additionally, when Frazier processed the traveler, the device automatically created a biometric exit record confirming that the woman left the country.

For more than a decade, the U.S. government has been struggling to find a way to develop a practical and cost effective biometric entry/exit system that fulfills a Congressional mandate intended to keep America safe. CBP has partnered with the U.S. air travel industry to meet that goal and is succeeding in implementing innovative ways of using biometric technology to provide better enforcement and a better experience for travelers.

### **Biometric challenge**

By 2013, when CBP assumed responsibility for designing and implementing a system that could biometrically track travelers exiting the U.S., the government had been wrestling with the challenge for years. Technology was part of the problem, but how to integrate that technology into the existing infrastructure at airports without driving up costs and negatively impacting airport and airline operations was a conundrum.

CBP had been working with the airlines to track travelers entering and exiting the country since the mid-1990s, using travelers' biographic information— date of birth, passport number, document number, country of citizenship, etc. "The airlines sent us the manifest information in advance of the flight's departure," said John Wagner, deputy executive assistant commissioner of CBP's Office of Field Operations. "We did law enforcement work based on that data."

But then, after September 11, the biographic information wasn't enough. To increase security, Congress passed legislation that added biometric requirements for tracking travelers. "Inbound passengers were easier to track because we already had a process," said Wagner. "When travelers come off of an international flight, they are funneled through a secure pathway to the CBP inspection area. The airline transmits the biographic data to us. We verify that information when we read a traveler's passport and we make sure it's accurate. That's when we also collect fingerprints from most non-U.S. citizens."

With outbound flights, collecting passengers' biometrics is much more difficult. "We've never constrained departures to be able to do that," said Wagner. "We don't have specific departure areas for outbound flights. International flights depart from all over the airport, so it was difficult to figure out where we could collect biometrics and what technology we would use."

Added to that, CBP lacked support. "The stakeholders were vehemently opposed to any of this because they thought it would cost money and it would slow people down," said Wagner. The challenges seemed insurmountable. "We were focused on where is the magic technology that is going to make this work and address all of these concerns. No one had been able to find it because it didn't exist," he said.

### **Fresh start**

Wagner and his team took a fresh start. They reached out to the DHS Science and Technology Directorate, the Department's research and development arm, to learn more about the biometric technology that was available and which methods of collection would work best. Shortly thereafter, in 2014, a demonstration test lab was set up in Landover, Maryland. "One of the things we learned from previous pilots in airports is that airports are chaotic places. It's hard to do a really good controlled test when anything can go wrong and you don't know why. Was it because there were lots of delays? Were there weather incidents? Or did people miss their flights? Any number of factors could affect the performance of the biometric system, so we set up a test space where we could carefully control different variables to see how well our biometric concepts worked," said Arun Vemury, director of the DHS Science and Technology Directorate's biometric and port of entry people screening program.

"We evaluated more than 150 different biometric devices and algorithms. We put them together in different configurations and then brought in test volunteers to actually run through the process to figure out how long it took, what kind of throughput we were able to get, how well the biometrics matched, and what their performance ultimately was," said Vemury "Over time, we brought in more than 2,000 people from 53 different countries of origin, who varied in age from 18-85. We were trying to mimic the demographics of travelers coming to the U.S."



One of the things that Vermury learned was that the algorithms used in facial recognition technology have become much more advanced. The algorithm is the formula that identifies the unique biometric points in a finger, eye, or face and then compares those points to corresponding areas in previously collected biometrics. “Because of the improvements in facial recognition technology, we can verify people’s identities with facial recognition much more effectively today than we could even just two years ago,” said Vermury.

After nearly two years of rigorous testing and evaluation, DHS Science and Technology gave its findings to CBP in December 2015. “We turned over all of our test reports, economic analyses, quantitative analyses, concepts of operation, and staffing estimates,” said Vermury, explaining that his team wanted to be thorough. “The last thing we wanted was to have any unanswered questions. We knew we needed a biometric process that would work.”

### **Field testing**

Concurrently, CBP was doing its own laboratory tests and conducted a series of pilots. “We ran several pilots to help us learn about the different types of biometric technology in the different environments where we work,” said Wagner. For example, CBP was aware that U.S. passports were being used fraudulently and thought a biometric tool could help. After months of testing algorithms and cameras, CBP developed a one-to-one facial recognition technology that compared travelers against their passport photos. The pilot, which was tested on inbound flights, initially ran for two months, from March to May 2015, at Washington Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia. At that point, more lab testing and analysis was done to improve the algorithm, and then a second pilot, which continues today, was set-up at Dulles and John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City.

“The pilots showed us that the facial recognition technology was accurate,” said Wagner. “We grew confident that the algorithms were good enough to use and rely on.”

One of the many examples that illustrates this occurred at JFK in May 2016, when a traveler with a U.S. passport arrived on a flight from Accra, Ghana and presented herself as a returning U.S. citizen. All of her biographical information was processed successfully, but the CBP officer who interviewed the woman had a suspicion she might be an imposter. The officer referred the traveler to a booth equipped with the facial recognition technology where her photo was taken and compared to the photo in her passport. The match score was very low and she was referred to secondary for further inspection.

As part of the inspection, the woman was fingerprinted and the officers were able to confirm her true identity, uncovering that she was an imposter. In actuality, the woman was a Liberian citizen who had been denied a diversity visa from a green card lottery in 2015. She admitted that she found the U.S. passport in a marketplace and didn’t know the true owner. The woman was then turned over to authorities and sent to a detention center to await a credible fear hearing to determine whether she would be able to seek asylum. Without the suspicions of an astute officer and CBP’s biometric technology, the woman could have entered the country through fraudulent means.

In another pilot at the land border, in Otay Mesa, California, CBP tested face and iris scans to biometrically record the entry and exit of pedestrians. “From these tests, we learned a lot about how travelers react to various biometric technologies,” said Wagner.

CBP also built a handheld, mobile device that allowed officers to run fingerprints on departing travelers. “We tested the Biometric Exit Mobile in 2015 at 10 airports around the country,” said Wagner. “It showed us we could accurately take fingerprints from a mobile device and gave our officers the capability

to do law enforcement and biometric queries on a smart phone if they saw that an individual requires further investigation.”

### **Biometric success story**

As a law enforcement tool, the Biometric Exit Mobile has produced stunning results. Case in point is an incident that occurred in May at Chicago O’Hare International Airport involving a Polish national couple who were boarding a flight to Berlin, Germany. When the couple presented their passports at the departure gate, the CBP officers didn’t find any U.S. visas or country entry stamps, so they decided to run a check and swiped the couple’s passport documents. The biographical information didn’t reveal anything derogatory, but just as a precautionary check, the officers used the Biometric Exit Mobile device to take the couple’s fingerprints. The officers took the index prints of the female first and within seconds, she came back as a watchlist hit. The same occurred with the man. Both had been ordered deported by an immigration judge, but they didn’t leave the country.

The officers wanted to clarify what they discovered, so they reached out to a colleague. “I pulled up the woman’s name and nothing came up. There was no record on her whatsoever,” said Jonathan Cichy, a CBP enforcement officer on the outbound operations team at O’Hare Airport. “However, when I checked her fingerprints, there was a hit, but for a woman with a different date of birth and a different identity, which she had been arrested and deported under.”

Then Cichy looked at the manifest for the flight. “I saw they weren’t on it. There was no record of the identities they were using to get on the plane,” he said. After checking further, Cichy found that both of the Polish nationals had criminal histories with multiple identities. “But none that came up in our systems because they weren’t leaving under any of those identities. Biographics alone did not tell us the full story,” said Cichy, who quickly rushed to meet the flight that was leaving in 20 minutes.

The couple was allowed to board the flight, but not until Cichy had served them with legal papers to verify their departure and close out the deportation case. “If either one of them is found attempting to return to the U.S. without permission, they could be prosecuted for reentry after deportation, a felony that carries a sentence of two to 20 years,” said Cichy.

### **Innovative technology**

At the same time that CBP was focusing on biometrics, the agency was developing technology that would expedite the processing of travelers and reduce wait times in airports. Air travel was growing, and by all indications, that trend would continue. According to the International Air Transport Association’s latest projections, air travelers will double over the next 20 years.

In 2007, when CBP introduced Global Entry, it was an innovative concept because it was directed at low-risk travelers. “Global Entry was designed to give low-risk, frequent travelers the ability to use technology to expedite their arrival process,” said Dan Tanciar, CBP’s deputy executive director of planning, program analysis, and evaluation for entry/exit transformation. “The program allowed us to identify low-risk travelers, so that we could focus our attention on the travelers we don’t know much about.”

A few years later, in 2012, CBP launched another innovation—a self-service kiosk that helped speed up the traveler inspection process. The kiosks, known as Automated Passport Control, performed the administrative steps that CBP officers had traditionally handled, so that officers could focus more on inspections. The kiosks also enabled CBP to do away with paper forms, allowing travelers to submit their declaration and biographic information electronically. “Within two years, we were able to deploy about

1,500 kiosks at all of the top airports throughout the U.S. and we reduced wait times by about 30 to 35 percent,” said Tanciar. “The Automated Passport Control kiosks shortened the amount of time travelers spent with CBP officers from 3 minutes to 30 to 60 seconds.”

With CBP’s staffing limitations, the success of the technology was paramount. Not just for CBP, but for its air industry partners too. “Airports are economic generators for their communities, so if you reduce the capacity of the airport, in effect, you’re reducing the economic capabilities of the airport for its community,” said Matthew Cornelius, vice president of air policy for Airports Council International, a trade organization that represents airports in North America.

In 2013, when the Automated Passport Control kiosks were starting to appear at U.S. airports, Airports Council International saw the value of the technology and wanted to expand it. “We were approached by one of our associate member companies, Airside Mobile, a tech firm, that had a concept to create the same functionality of the kiosks, but to do it on a smart phone,” said Cornelius. In other words, international travelers could fill out the required customs information on their smart phones before they ever got off the plane. “We saw it as an opportunity to alleviate some of the problems our members were having at their international arrival facilities. We knew that mobile applications and mobile technology are really the wave of the future.”

Cornelius took the concept to CBP. “We told CBP, ‘We have this idea. We think it’s going to be helpful. Will you work with us on it?’ To CBP’s credit, they saw it made sense, that it was going to help us do our jobs better and alleviate the problem of processing travelers into the U.S.,” said Cornelius.

CBP and Airports Council International began piloting the Mobile Passport Control app in August 2014. A year later, the pilot expanded to five airports. Today, 21 airports use the app and it has been downloaded 1.3 million times.

“It’s a great example of partnership. We worked very closely with CBP,” said Cornelius. “Everybody was on board, understood what needed to be done, and it all came together perfectly.”

### **Faster processing**

The technology was also critical for the airlines. “In early 2014, we realized the World Cup was being played in Brazil that year, so that meant there would be a lot of travel through Miami,” said Howard Kass, American Airlines’ vice president of regulatory affairs. “We knew that the processing times and the facilitation in Miami weren’t what we wanted them to be. It wasn’t a good customer experience,” he said.

“The lines were long. There were multi-hour waits, and we felt the brunt of it because when travelers landed and couldn’t move through customs to get their bags rechecked, they misconnected on their flights,” said Kass. “We then had to figure out how to get them to their destinations or put them up in a hotel. We spent lots of money to ameliorate the misconnections. Miami was getting a bad reputation among travelers, which is something we don’t want to see at any of our hubs.”

The airline thought CBP’s technology might be the answer. “We knew from what we’d seen in other airports that the machines would be a tremendous benefit in Miami to help expedite people through the process,” said Kass. So American Airlines worked with CBP and the Miami International Airport to get more Global Entry and Automated Passport Control machines in place. “We more than doubled the number of machines and we did a lot of marketing, advertising, and inflight announcements to encourage passengers to use the technology, so they could be processed quickly through the CBP facility,” said Kass.

And it worked. “We got to a point where every U.S. citizen was using some kind of automation,” he said. “CBP pledged a lot of resources to make sure that flights were processed smoothly during the World Cup. It was important to the United States that there wasn’t a rough spot in Miami with all the traffic moving through.” Moreover, said Kass, “There weren’t any meltdowns or passengers stranded for hours and hours in the terminal and we made some improvements that really helped travelers move through the process more quickly.”

### **Decisive moment**

CBP’s biometric exit tests culminated in June 2016 with a pilot at the Atlanta Airport. Wagner and his team had a breakthrough. All the work they had done for the past several years was finally coming to fruition. “We came up with a way of taking the information we receive about passengers from the airlines and matching it against information we already have in our government databases,” said Wagner.

Based on their research, Wagner and his team decided to use facial recognition technology. “We found that facial recognition was intuitive for people. Everybody knows how to stand in front of a camera and have his or her picture taken. Not so with iris scans and fingerprints. Every time a traveler does the process wrong, someone has to instruct him or her the right way to do it,” said Wagner. Aside from being quicker than other biometric methods, facial recognition had additional pluses. The physical design of the camera didn’t take up much space, and the equipment wasn’t costly either. Furthermore, CBP already had a collection of photos for biometric comparison. “People have already provided their photographs to the government for travel purposes,” said Wagner.

But the real feat was when CBP found a way to speed up the photo matching process. “As soon as a passenger checks-in with the airline, the airline tells us who is getting on the plane. At that point, we find all the photographs we have of the people on the flight and we pool them, and then segment them into individual photo galleries for each passenger,” said Wagner. “If there are 300 people on the flight, we find every photograph we have of those 300 people. Generally, that means we will have about 1500 pictures because we have multiple photos of each passenger.”

Then, as the passenger boards the flight, he or she has his picture taken. That photo is compared to his or her individual gallery of photos rather than comparing it to a billion photos that are in DHS’s biometric database. “The matching is done in real-time because it’s a small file and it’s accurate,” said Wagner.

The Atlanta pilot also was designed with certain parameters. “We did not want to add another layer onto the travel process,” said Wagner. “We told our stakeholders, ‘We want to design something that fits within your existing operations and infrastructure. We’re trying to make things easier for travelers. We don’t want to add additional steps or processes.’”

### **Strong partnership**

Wagner reached out to Delta Air Lines to see if they would work on the pilot and the airline agreed. “We have a very strong, longstanding, collaborative relationship with CBP,” said Jason Hausner, Delta Air Lines’ director of passenger facilitation. “Normally, when they approach us to do something, we’re in. We like to be in on the front end to provide our expertise and help shape things.”

Delta also had a long range vision of using biometrics for its own operational purposes. “When we heard the proposal from CBP to test biometric exit technology, it resonated with us because one of the elements we were looking at is biometric boarding,” said Hausner.

In February 2016, Delta met with CBP to work out a project plan and decided to test a flight from Atlanta to Tokyo, Japan. The pilot, which began in June, was successful, so by September, CBP decided to test another flight with a different demographic. This time the flight was to Mexico City. “We didn’t expect a lot of enforcement activity on the Tokyo flight. Years of clearing that flight inbound have shown a very low rate of enforcement violations,” said Kevin Pfeifer, CBP’s assistant port director of tactical operations at the port of Atlanta. “With Mexico City, we have a history of encountering enforcement violations on inbound flights, so we really expected to see the same percentage outbound and that’s exactly what we’ve seen.”

After more than a year of testing, the facial recognition technology has consistently shown a high rate of accuracy. “We are at a rate of 98 percent successful matches. It’s even moved up a notch in terms of quality and accuracy,” said Nael Samha, CBP’s director of passenger systems who built the architecture for the pilot’s operating system.

Operationally, the pilot has performed well too. “One of the things we wanted to evaluate was the impact on our operations. Would it delay boarding? Would it impact our on-time performance? We’re very metrics oriented,” said Hausner. “So far, this test has not impacted us in any manner, and part of it is because of the approach that CBP has taken. They know that in order for their program to be successful, they need to partner with us.”

### **Industry innovations**

During the summer of 2017, CBP conducted technical demonstrations of the biometric exit facial recognition technology with various airlines and airports throughout the country. “We wanted to show stakeholders and the public what this technology is, how it works, and explore how biometric exit technology can fit into airline and airport business models and modernization plans,” said Wagner.

Some airlines are already making headway. At JFK and in Atlanta, Delta is testing ways to combine the facial recognition technology with its boarding pass procedures. “The CBP pilot is a two-step process by design, but it seemed to us that when this is implemented across the country, it should be a one-step process,” said Hausner.

In June, JetBlue Airways transformed this goal into a reality and was the first airline to board passengers using biometric facial recognition instead of boarding passes. Unlike the technical demonstrations that CBP was conducting with other carriers, JetBlue proposed the pilot. The airline wanted to design its own technology and incorporate it with CBP’s facial recognition matching system. “CBP was very open-minded with what we wanted to accomplish,” said Liliana Petrova, JetBlue Airways’ director of customer experience. “They flew out to Boston and spent several hours with us and took the time to listen. We wanted them to know exactly how we wanted to integrate the biometric technology with the experience at our gate.”

The pilot, which was tested at Logan International Airport in Boston, was assembled very quickly. “CBP gave it priority and helped us do a very fast buildout,” said Petrova. “Not many partnerships, even private partnerships, function as smoothly.”

According to Petrova, the biometric system is part of JetBlue’s strategy to remove the hassle from the traveling experience. “Passengers don’t have to stop, look for their boarding passes or their IDs. The line moves faster and they don’t have to wait as long,” she said. “We’re trying to take the anxiety out of flying and allow our crew members to interact more with customers.”

JetBlue's customer feedback was positive. "The customers are really delighted by it. They think it's cool and they're having fun," said Petrova. As a result, JetBlue has decided to expand the pilot in late 2017 with additional flights departing from Boston and JFK.

CBP's future vision for biometric exit is to build the technology nationwide using cloud computing. "There are hundreds of airports throughout the U.S. where we provide services for international travelers and we still need to work through the deployment schedule and timeline," said Wagner. "We also need to determine the technology we'll use. We've been working with airports and airlines to arrive at some of those answers. We want them to tell us what the equipment should look like, so that it fits in with their operational needs."

Plans are also underway to update CBP's biometric inbound technology. "We'll be using the same system for our arrivals processing as we do for biometric exit," Wagner explained. "Instead of taking 2 to 3 minutes to process a traveler, it will only take 15 to 20 seconds."

But that's not all that CBP has in store. "We're also looking at communicating with people on their mobile devices as they deplane," said Wagner. "If we can give travelers better guidance on how to navigate customs and the maze at the airport, we can increase efficiency and give them peace of mind."

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Request from reporter follows.....

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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:45 PM  
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: Re: MEDIA REQUEST/ Radio-Canada - Electronic devices at the border

Hello (b) (6)

Concerning my request on Electronic Device Searches, I was wondering if you were able to find statistics beyond march 2017?

I had this already : CBP Releases Statistics on Electronic Device Searches, april 11 2017.... but we would like to make an update :)

Also, in a Washington Post article (Travelers just won back a bit of their privacy at the border, July 14 2017 ) I found this quote.... Can you confirm that information?

The number of border searches of electronics has steadily risen in recent years. Between 2008 and 2010, CBP searched the devices of 6,500 people — roughly half of whom were U.S. citizens, according to a Freedom of Information Act request by the American Civil Liberties Union. In fiscal year 2015, CBP searched more than 8,500 people's devices, and more than 19,000 in fiscal year 2016, according to NBC.

Many thanks

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2017-08-24 14:29 GMT-04:00 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

You're very welcome. Have a good day!

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:27 PM

To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >

Subject: Re: MEDIA REQUEST/ Radio-Canada - Electronic devices at the border

Hello (b) (6)

Thank you for your quick answer.... and I will talk to (b) (6) immediately!

Have a nice day

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Tél: (b) (6)

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2017-08-24 14:19 GMT-04:00 (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >:

Hi, (b) (6)

Your colleague (b) (6) at CBC Radio Canada posed several of the same questions to us recently. Our answers remain the same.

General Information on search of CBP search of electronic devices.....

If a traveler does not provide the password to the device such that information on the device is not available for inspection, CBP officers, acting in furtherance of mandates to secure the border and the homeland as well as longstanding statutory authority to perform border searches, may detain, seize or exclude the electronic device from the country, so long as those actions are performed in a reasonable, diligent, and otherwise constitutional manner. CBP has denied admission to those travelers for not establishing that they are entitled to the nonimmigrant status they are seeking and have also detained phones for possible exploitation by Laboratory and Scientific Services Digital Forensics Examiner. U.S. citizens will always be admitted to the United States

Q - Canadians (or people entering US from Canada) that had their electronic devices searched? In 2015? In 2016? In 2017?

A - We do not have these statistics broken down by citizenship.

Q - What system does CPB use to search the content of electronic devices? Does CPB keep of copies of the content of those electronic devices ?

A - When CBP detains an electronic device under its border search authority, the device may be shared with ICE or another federal agency for analysis. If there is no evidence of criminal activity related to law enforced by CBP, or of a violation of law that subjects the device to seizure for civil forfeiture, the electronic device is returned to the traveler in its original condition, and any copies CBP took of the information from the device are destroyed. Detained electronic information that is destroyed is not merely deleted, but forensically wiped, which entails writing over the information multiple times to

ensure it cannot be accessed again.

Q - How many copies of the content of electronic devices were done in 2015? 2016? 2017?

A - We do not have any further statistics to share.

Q - How many were Canadians?

A - We do not have any further statistics to share.

Q – Court challenges?

A - See attached statements.

Q – Statistics beyond March?

A - Will check.

More information for your story follows:

“The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently held that an individual’s expectations of privacy at the border are significantly less than what they would be inside the United States. The Court weighs heavily the need to ensure that who and what enters the United States does not pose a threat to the safety and security of the country.

It is not the intent of CBP to inconvenience travelers. CBP inspection procedures are designed to facilitate the entry of U.S. citizens and aliens who can readily establish their admissibility. CBP Officers must determine the nationality of each applicant for admission and, if determined to be an alien, whether or not the applicant meets the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act for admission to the United States. These officers are also tasked with determining that all property an individual is seeking to bring into the United States may be admitted and is not likely to cause harm. For example, officers are tasked with interdicting the illegal transportation of child pornography into the United States in any form, whether it be in a photograph or a file on someone's phone or computer. CBP Officers may, as an unavoidable consequence of detecting those involved in illicit activities, occasionally inconvenience law-abiding citizens. We are also sensitive to how inconvenient and stressful the inspection process may be to those selected for further inspection beyond a cursory stop at the primary inspection booth. We hope that the public understands the importance of our mission and we very much appreciate the patience, understanding, and cooperation of the traveling public.

All travelers arriving to the U.S. are subject to CBP inspection. This inspection may include electronic devices such as computers, disks, drives, tapes, mobile phones and other communication devices, cameras, music and other media players and any other electronic or digital devices.

Various laws that CBP is charged to enforce authorize searches and detention in accordance with 8 U.S.C. § 1357 and 19 U.S.C. §§ 1499, 1581, 1582. All persons, baggage, and merchandise arriving in, or departing from, the United States are subject to inspection, search and detention. This is because CBP Officers must determine the identity and citizenship of all persons seeking entry into the United States, determine the admissibility of foreign nationals, and deter the entry of possible terrorists, terrorist weapons, controlled substances, and a wide variety of other prohibited and restricted items.

Keeping America safe and enforcing our nation's laws in an increasingly digital world depends on our ability to lawfully examine all materials entering the United States.

Searches of electronic devices at the border are often integral to a determination of an individual's intentions upon entry and provide additional information relevant to admissibility determinations under immigration laws. They are critical to the detection of evidence relating to terrorism and other national security matters, human and bulk cash smuggling, contraband, and child pornography. They can also reveal information about financial and commercial crimes, such as those relating to copyright, trademark and export control violations.

CBP electronic media searches have resulted in arrests for child pornography, evidence helpful in combating terrorist activity, violations of export controls, convictions for intellectual property rights violations, and visa fraud discoveries."

Hope all this is helpful.

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Subject: MEDIA REQUEST/ Radio-Canada - Electronic devices at the border

Good afternoon,

I am journalist for CBC/Radio-Canada in Montreal. My colleague and I are working on a story about the differences between Canada and USA regarding the cases requiring to inspect the content of electronic devices (and as content... we mean the phone numbers, emails, data, etc etc).

A lot of information has been given over the last months but we would like to have some clarifications to understand better.

- 1) We understand that a copy of the data of an electronic device can be made and shared with other agencies. Which agencies ?
- 2) we understand that the copy made by CBP for analysis has to be destroyed if there is no evidence of criminal activity. Although, if one, two or three copies have been shared with other federal agencies ... do they also have to destroy them?
- 3) Can this information (the data) also be shared with other countries ?
- 4) To make a copy of the data... is CBP using the Cellebrite Physical Analyser? If not, what is the name of the system?
- 5) How many copies of electronic devices have been done in 2015? In 2016 ? In 2017 ?
- 6) How many were Canadians ?
- 7) When CPB destroys the copy of the electronic device (or the content)... what is the technique used to destroy the data ? You wipe? What is it ?



8) Do you know (by any chance) if 8 U.S.C. 1357 and 19 U.S.C. 1499, 1581, 1582 ever been challenged in court ? If yes, when ?

9) a press release has been sent earlier this year giving the numbers of FY16 and FY17 until march 2017. Is it possible to have more recent statistics please ?

Our ideal deadline is tomorrow afternoon but the real one is next Wednesday

Yours,

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# News Release

## **CBP Releases Statistics on Electronic Device Searches**

*CBP searches the electronic devices of fewer than one-hundredth of 1 percent of all arriving international travelers*

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced today that in the first six months of FY17, CBP searched the electronic devices of 14,993 arriving international travelers, affecting 0.008 percent of the approximately 189.6 million travelers arriving to the United States. CBP continues to process more than 1 million travelers arriving to the United States each day.

Of the more than 383.2 million arriving international travelers that CBP processed in FY15, 0.002 percent of such travelers (8,503) had their electronic devices searched. In FY16, the number of arriving travelers processed by CBP increased to approximately 390.6 million, and the number of travelers whose electronic devices were searched increased to 19,033 (0.005 percent).

The increase of [electronic device searches](#) is driven by CBP's mission to protect the American people and enforce the nation's laws in this digital age. CBP has adapted and adjusted its actions to align with current threat information. CBP border searches of electronic devices have resulted in evidence helpful in combating terrorist activity, child pornography, violations of export controls, intellectual property rights violations, and visa fraud.

CBP is responsible for ensuring the safety and admissibility of the goods and people entering the United States and exercises its [border search authority](#) in accordance with its statutory and constitutional authority. No court has concluded that the border search of electronic devices requires a warrant, and CBP's use of this authority has been repeatedly upheld. This includes a review by the Fourth and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals, which approved the search of electronic devices encountered at the border.

"Electronic device searches are integral in some cases to determining an individual's intentions upon entering the United States," said Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, John Wagner. "These searches, which affect fewer than one-hundredth of one percent of international travelers, have contributed to national security investigations, arrests for child pornography and evidence of human trafficking. CBP officers are well trained to judiciously conduct electronic device searches and to protect sensitive information that may be encountered."



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Searches of electronic devices have remained consistent in FY17, averaging fewer than 2,500 arriving international travelers per month. Below is a month-to-month comparison for the first six months of FY16 and FY17.

<b>INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS PROCESSED</b>		
	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>
OCTOBER	31,239,053	32,248,121
NOVEMBER	30,350,596	30,430,424
DECEMBER	32,717,813	33,009,690
JANUARY	31,215,009	31,593,522
FEBRUARY	28,209,735*	28,209,602
MARCH	32,643,912	34,103,063**
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186,376,118</b>	<b>189,594,422</b>

<b>INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS PROCESSED WITH ELECTRONIC DEVICE SEARCH</b>		
	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>
OCTOBER	857	2,560
NOVEMBER	1,208	2,379
DECEMBER	1,486	2,404
JANUARY	1,653	2,756
FEBRUARY	1,470	2,299
MARCH	1,709	2,595
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,383</b>	<b>14,993</b>

\*February 2016 was a leap year.

\*\*March international arrivals are approximate.

CBP discovered an anomaly with the FY16 dataset that was previously released. The issue was tracked to a system modernization upgrade conducted in February 2016. During the upgrade, some data was attributed to the upgrade date rather than the date of the search. As a result, multiple fiscal year datasets were affected. The issue has since been corrected, and the correct dataset is reflected in this release.

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Hi [REDACTED],

I have some comments and changes in track changes...happy to go over these with you today. Really great story...thanks for all your hard work getting this done!

Thanks!

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Attached are (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) comments/edit/cuts to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Biometrics article. Please incorporate your edits to this version.

Thank you!

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C), for your review.

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Here are some sample reports from (b) (3) that may give you an idea of their work.

Thank you,

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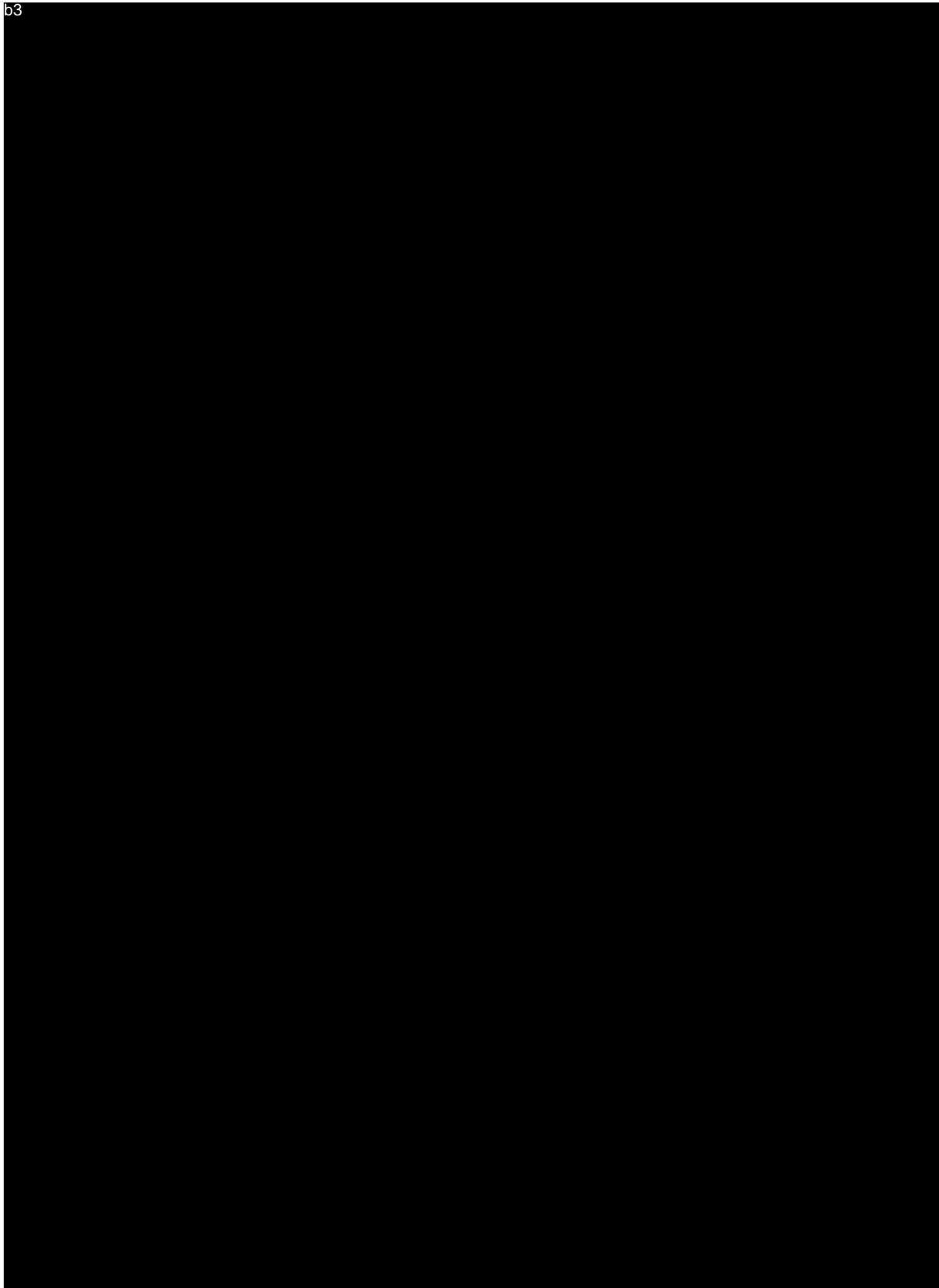
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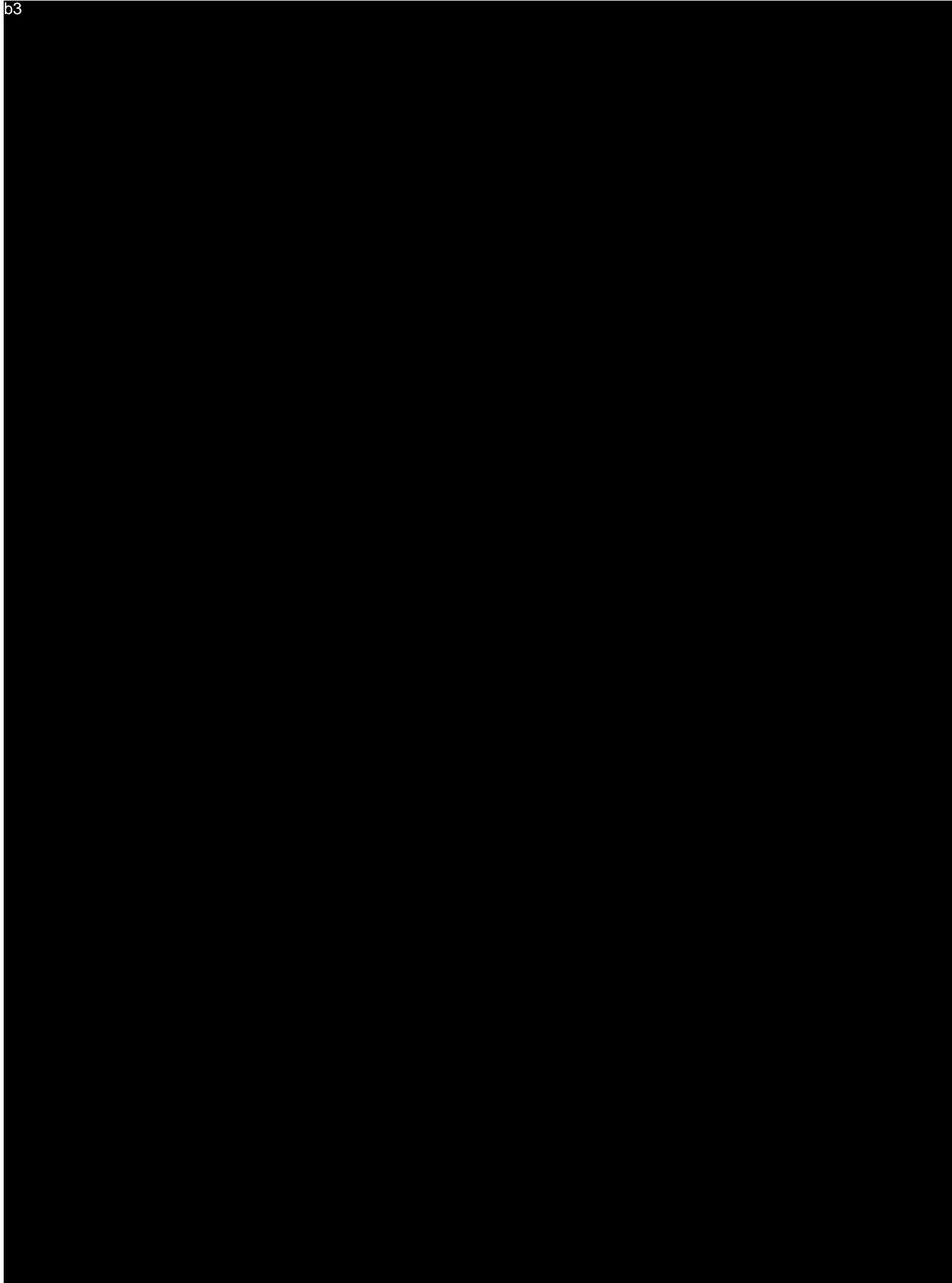
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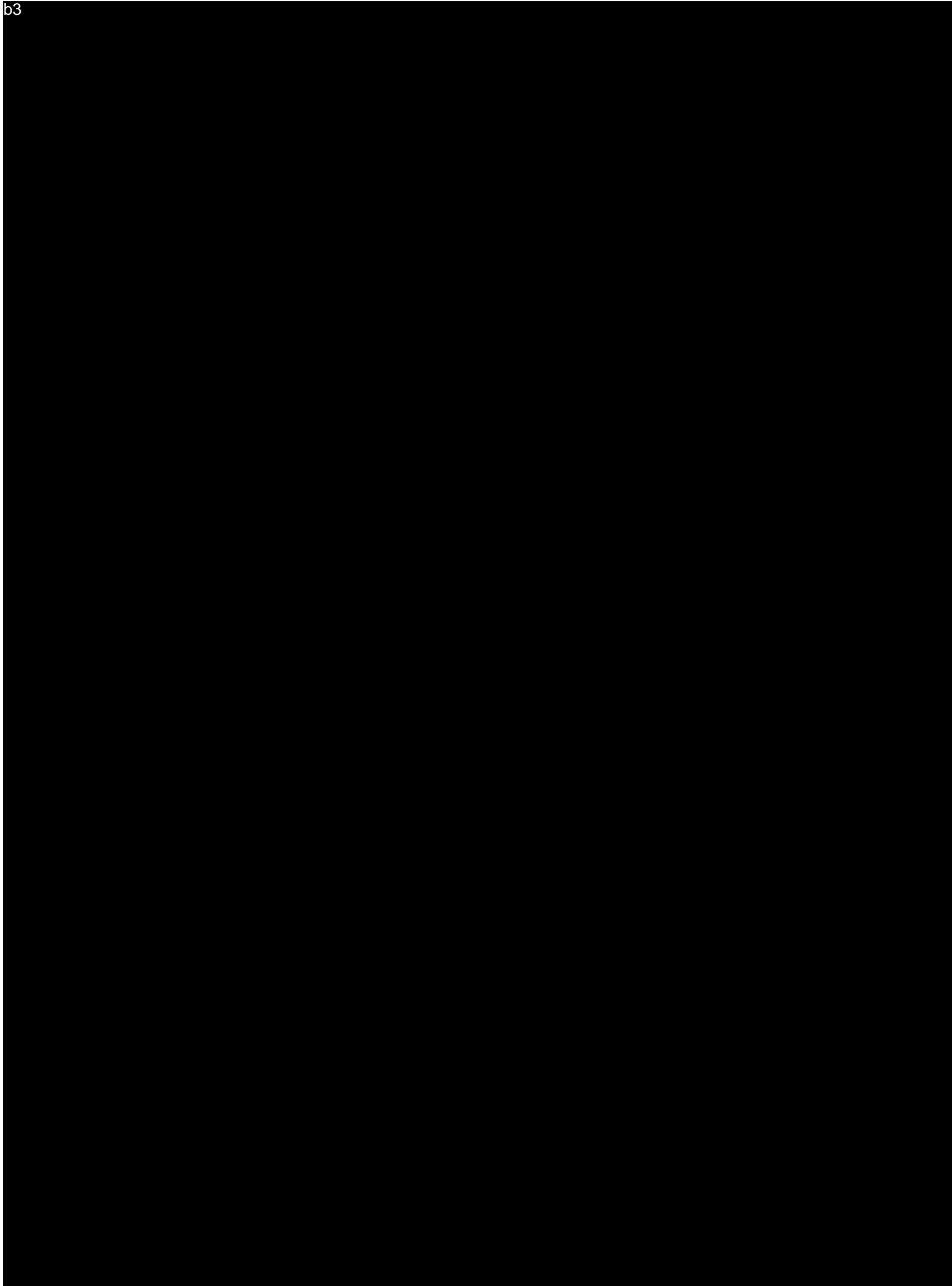
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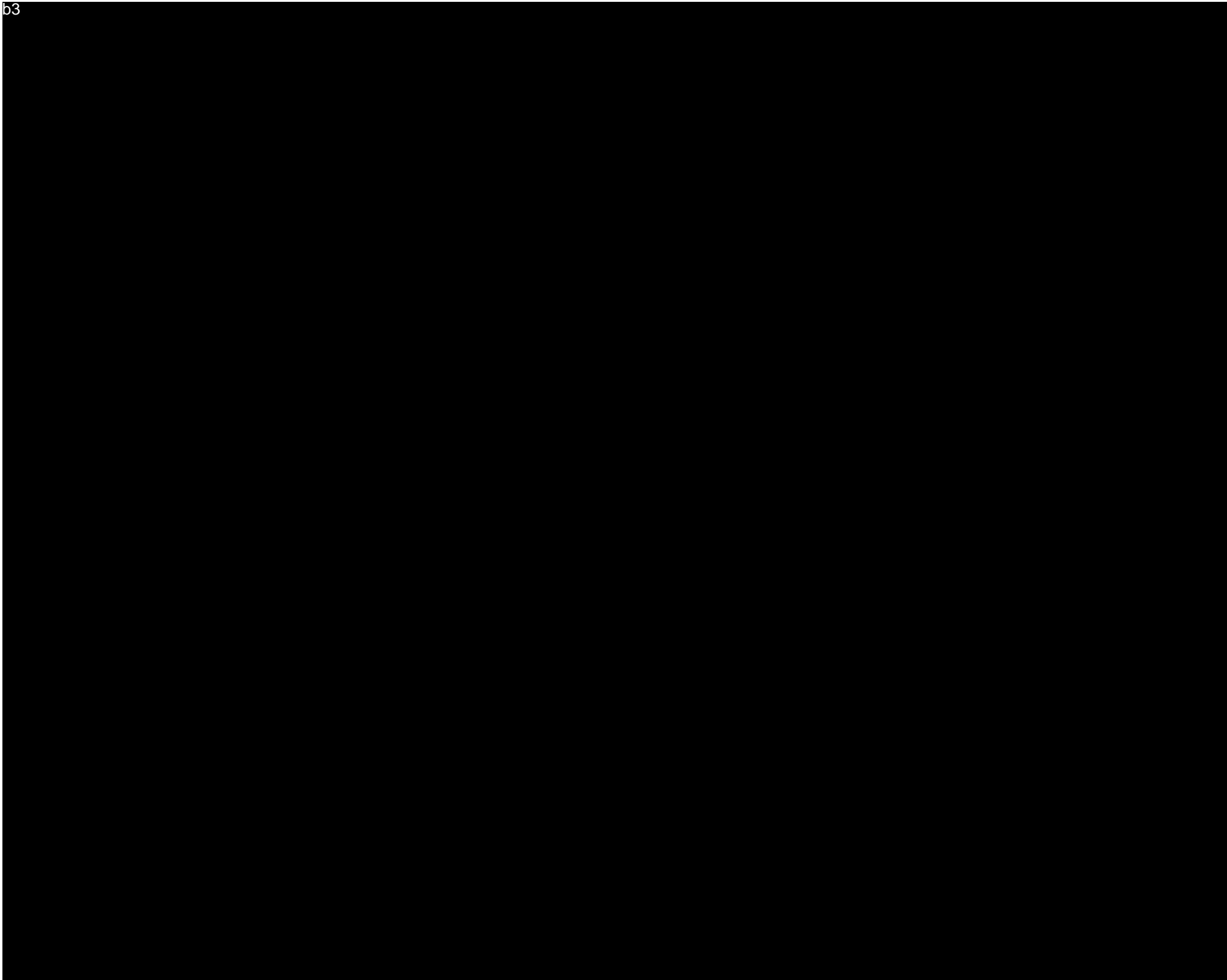
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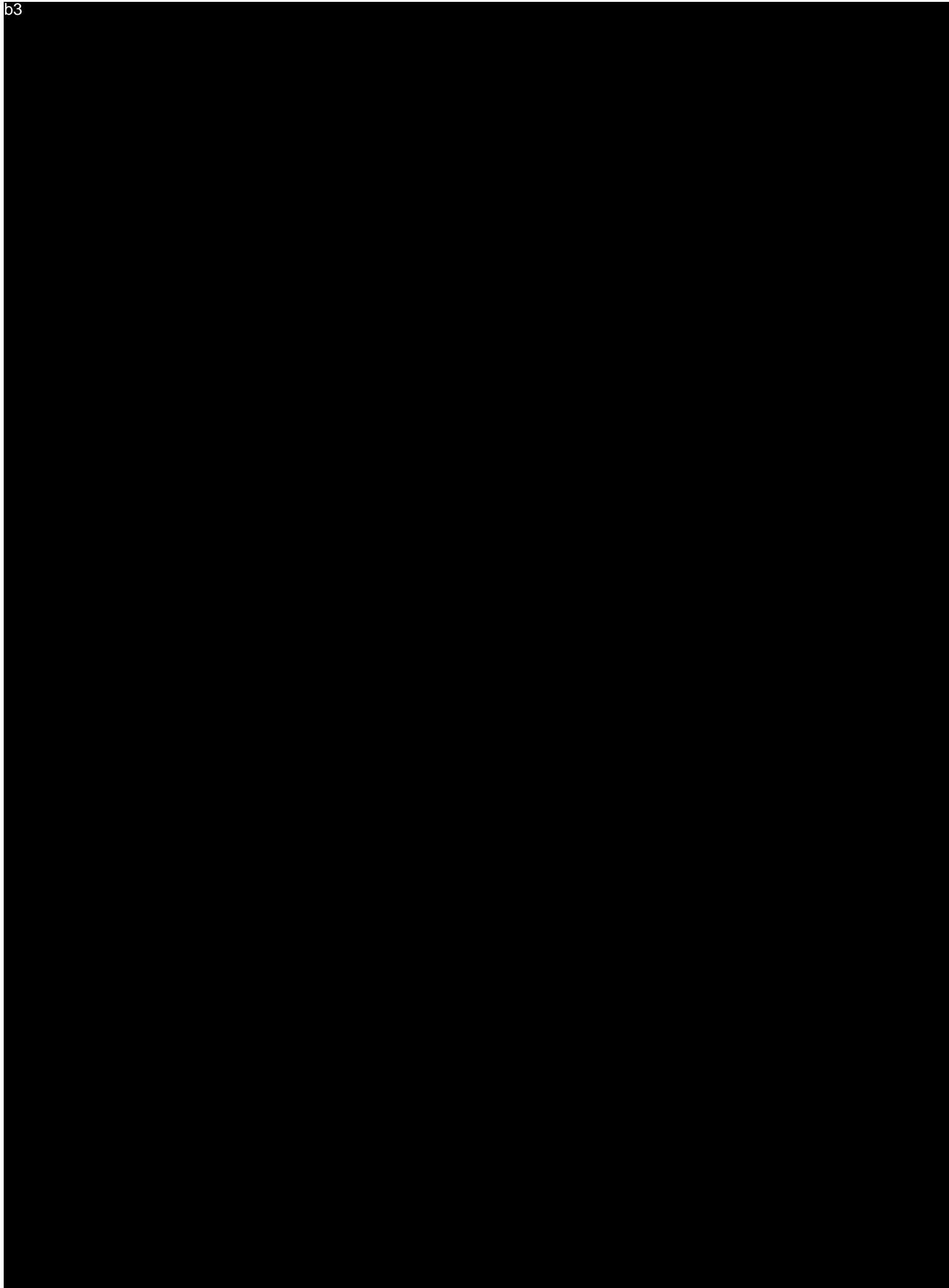


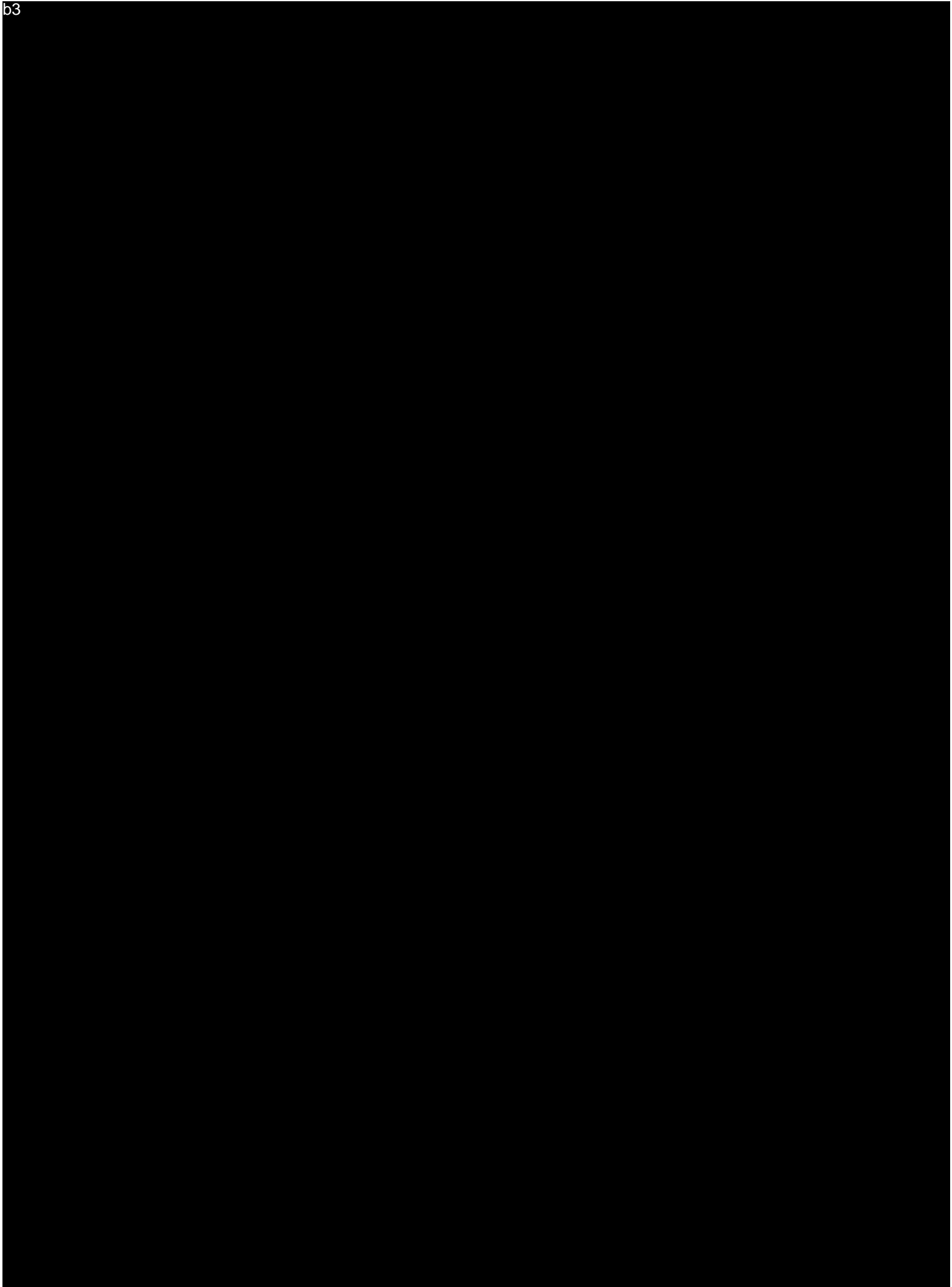






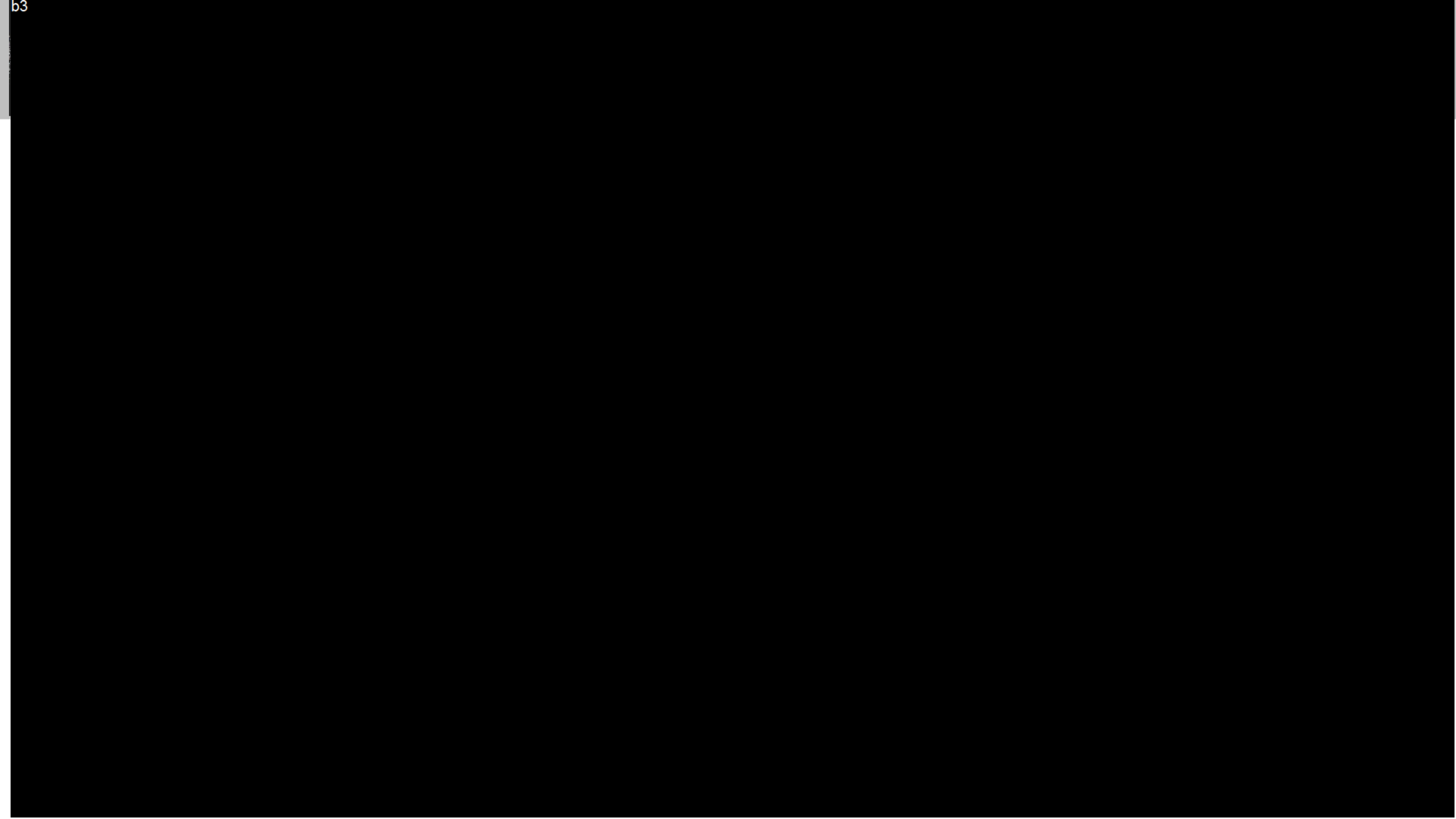


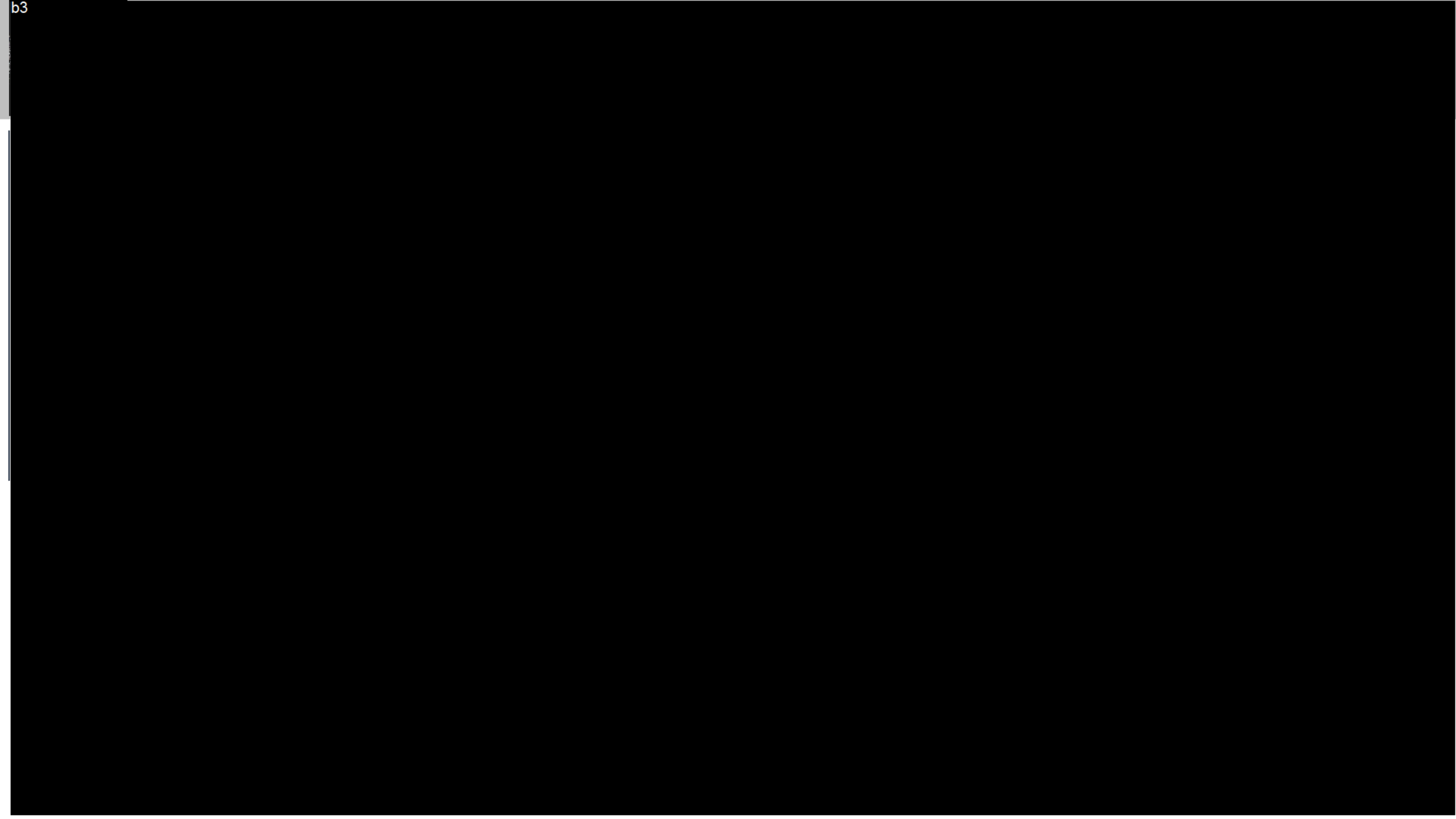






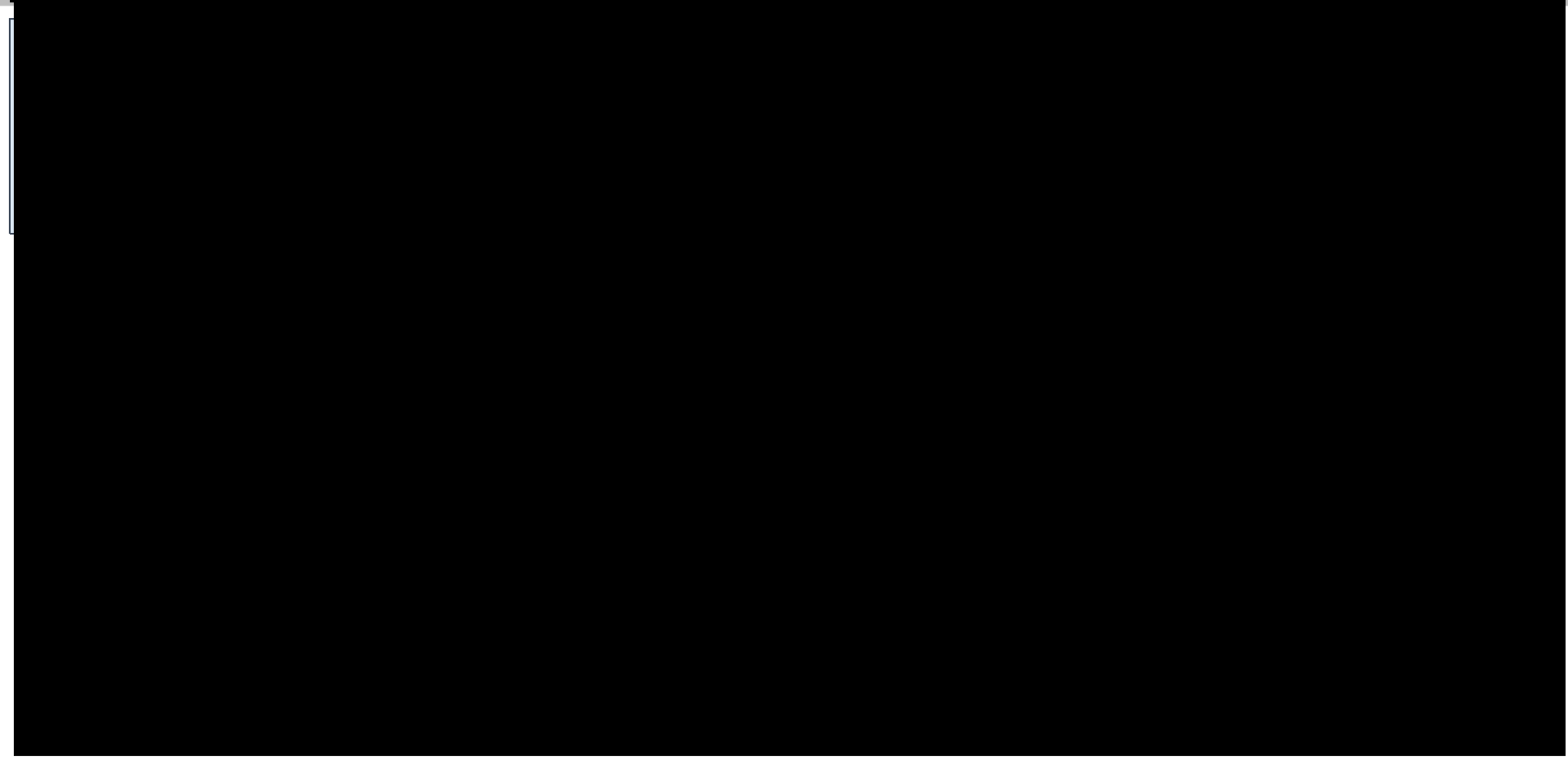
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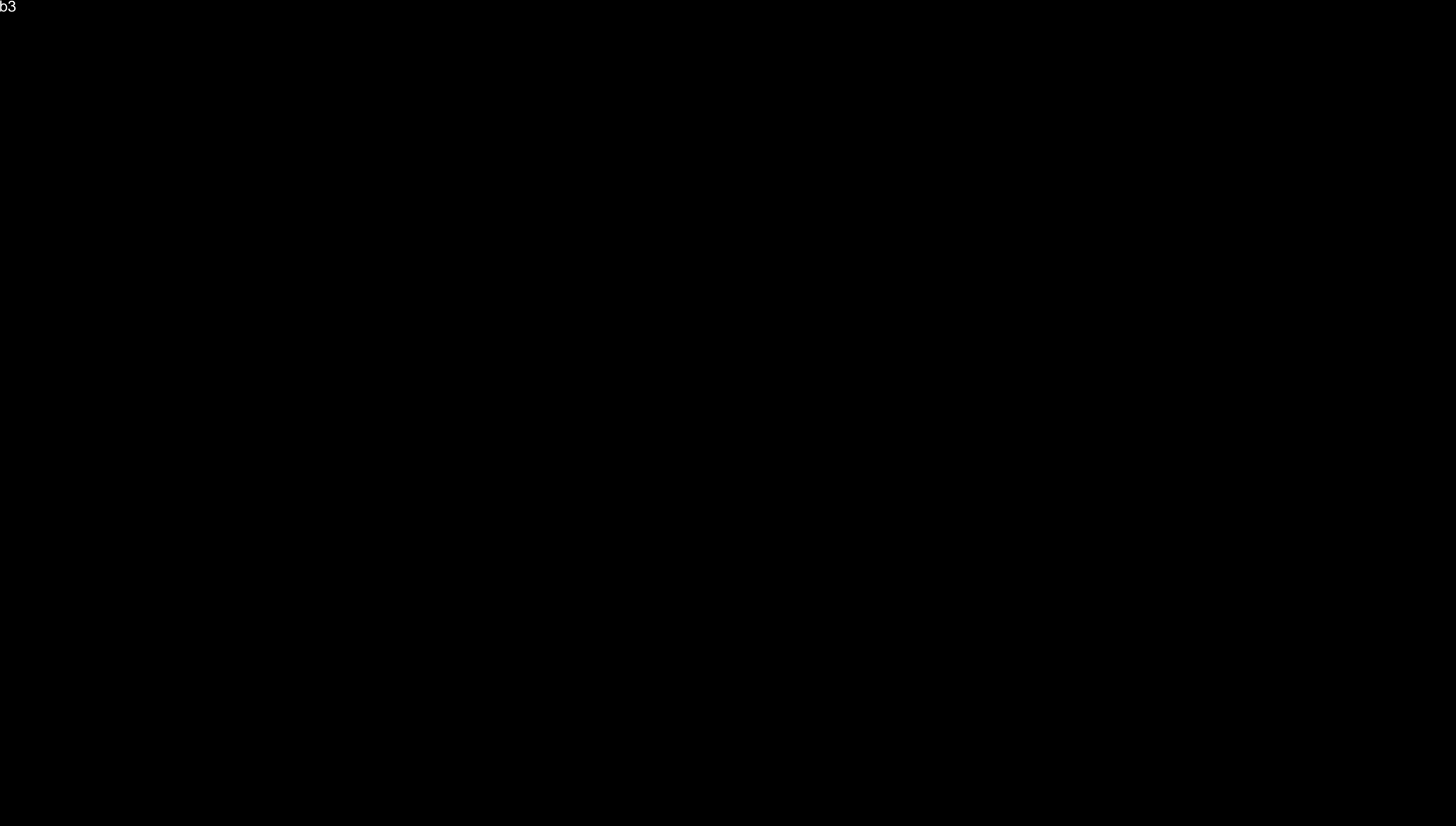








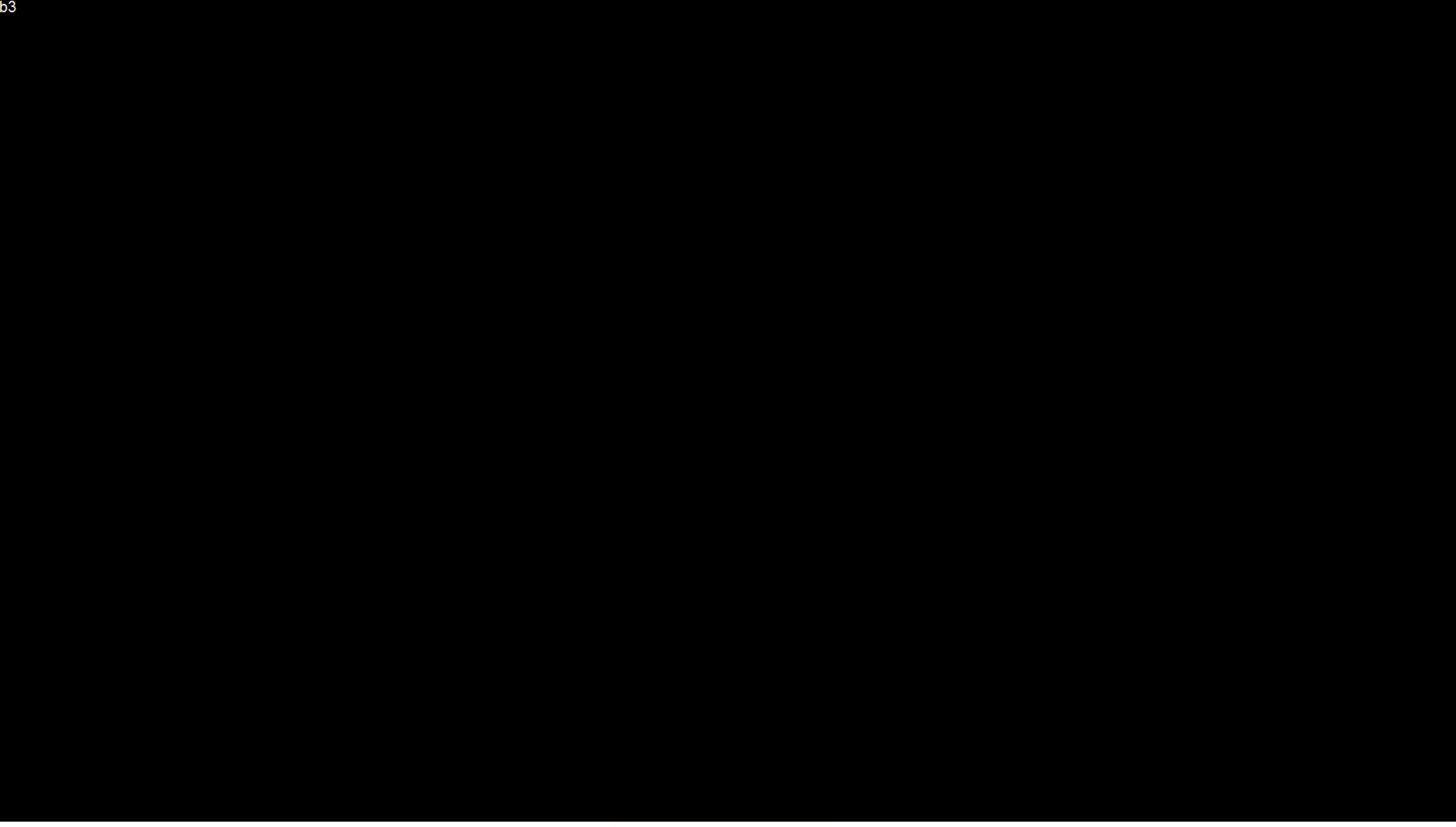












From:

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To:

FRIEL, MICHAEL J b6,b7c

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Subject: FW: Examples of Monthly Reports

Date: Wed Aug 23 2017 12:43:31 EDT

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VWC Media Analysis Monthly Report (July).pdf

For today's 2 pm meeting with (b) (3) here are the sample reports – please print and bring with you

Thank you,

(b)(6);(b)(7)

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C), COR Lvl 3, DHS PM 2

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: Biometrics story -- Frontline Magazine

Date: Tue Aug 22 2017 13:35:49 EDT

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

At long last, here is the biometrics story for Frontline Magazine. Without you, I could never have written this story. You are a MARVELOUS teacher and friend. Thank you, thank you, and thank you again for helping me. This truly was one of the most difficult stories I've had to write. But I sure learned a lot. J

Please read it over and let me know if you see anything that isn't accurate. As I mentioned, I am still waiting for the U.S. Attorney's press release about the Indian national so that I can write the sidebar story. I heard from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) yesterday that the Indian national did enter a guilty plea last Thursday, but as yet, no press release has been issued.

Also, I am in the process of sending the story out to my sources. Please say a prayer that all of them like it and that it is kept intact. I am hoping this story does great things for CBP.

Thank you again for your support, encouragement, excellent teaching skills, and friendship.

We need to go out and celebrate your birthday. Let's pick a date! J J

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: Biometrics story -- Frontline Magazine

Date: Tue Aug 22 2017 13:21:07 EDT

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C),

At long last, here is the biometrics story for Frontline Magazine, "Biometric Breakthrough: How CBP is meeting its mandate and keeping America safe." I am in the process of sending the story out to all of my sources to check it for accuracy. I am asking them to have it back to me by this Friday, August 25th.

As you will see, the story is extremely long, but it actually is the same length as my "Racing Ahead" trade story.

Also, I am still waiting for the U.S. Attorney's press release about the Indian national so that I can write the sidebar story. I heard from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) yesterday that the Indian national did enter a guilty plea last Thursday, but as yet, no press release has been issued. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) is keeping a close watch, but I also will reach out to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) to see if he can contact his public affairs friend at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta and let us know when we can have the press release. I also am waiting for some photos from (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). He is waiting for Delta Air Lines for the set-ups.

I hope you both like the story. It was a tough one, but I learned a lot. :-)

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and patience. It is very much appreciated.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

To: FRIEL, MICHAEL J (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: Meeting Notes from Source Selection Meeting Aug 7 for News article and Media Monitoring PR 20096901

Date: Tue Aug 08 2017 08:04:02 EDT

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Good morning (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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To summarize our meeting yesterday:

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If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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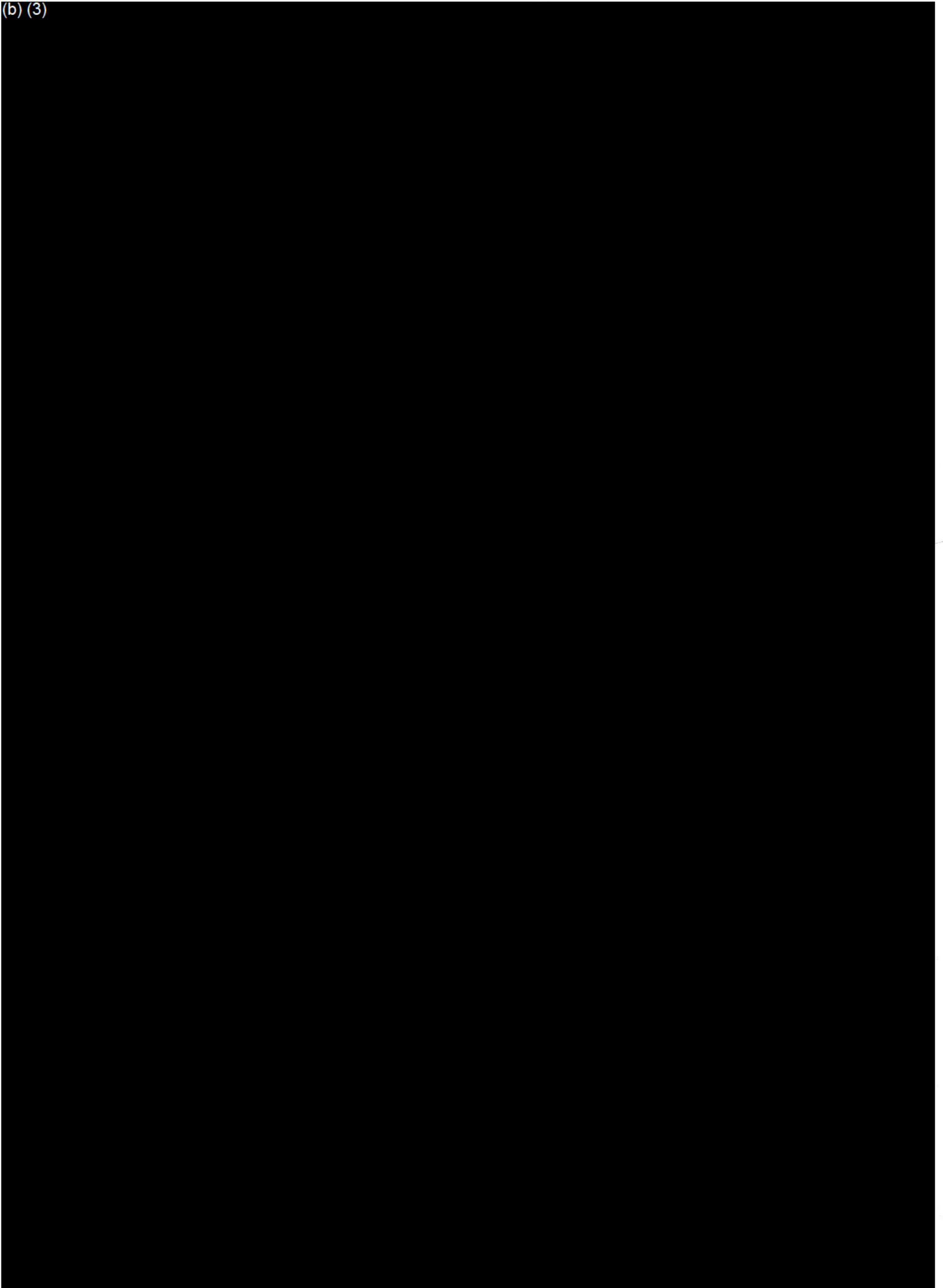
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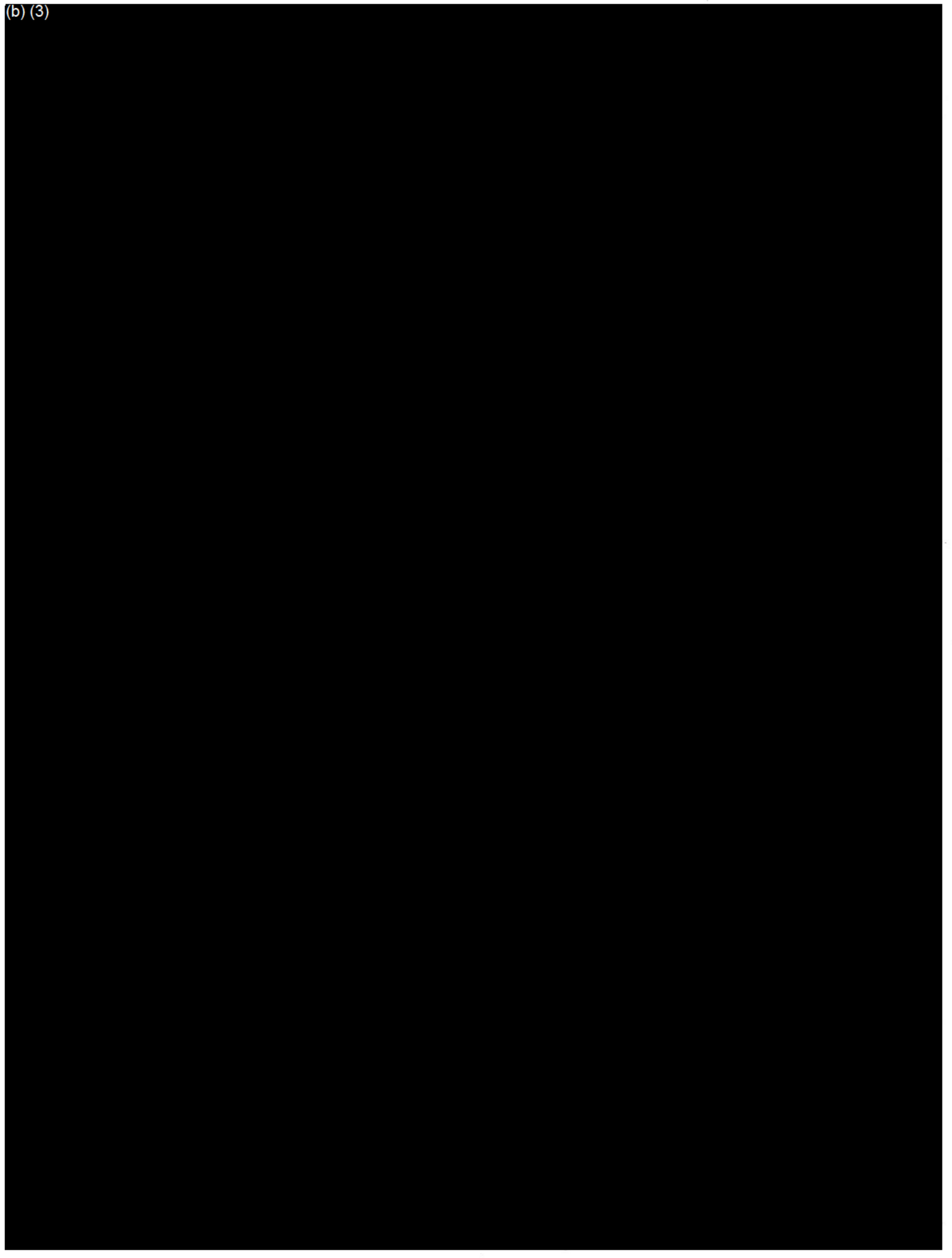


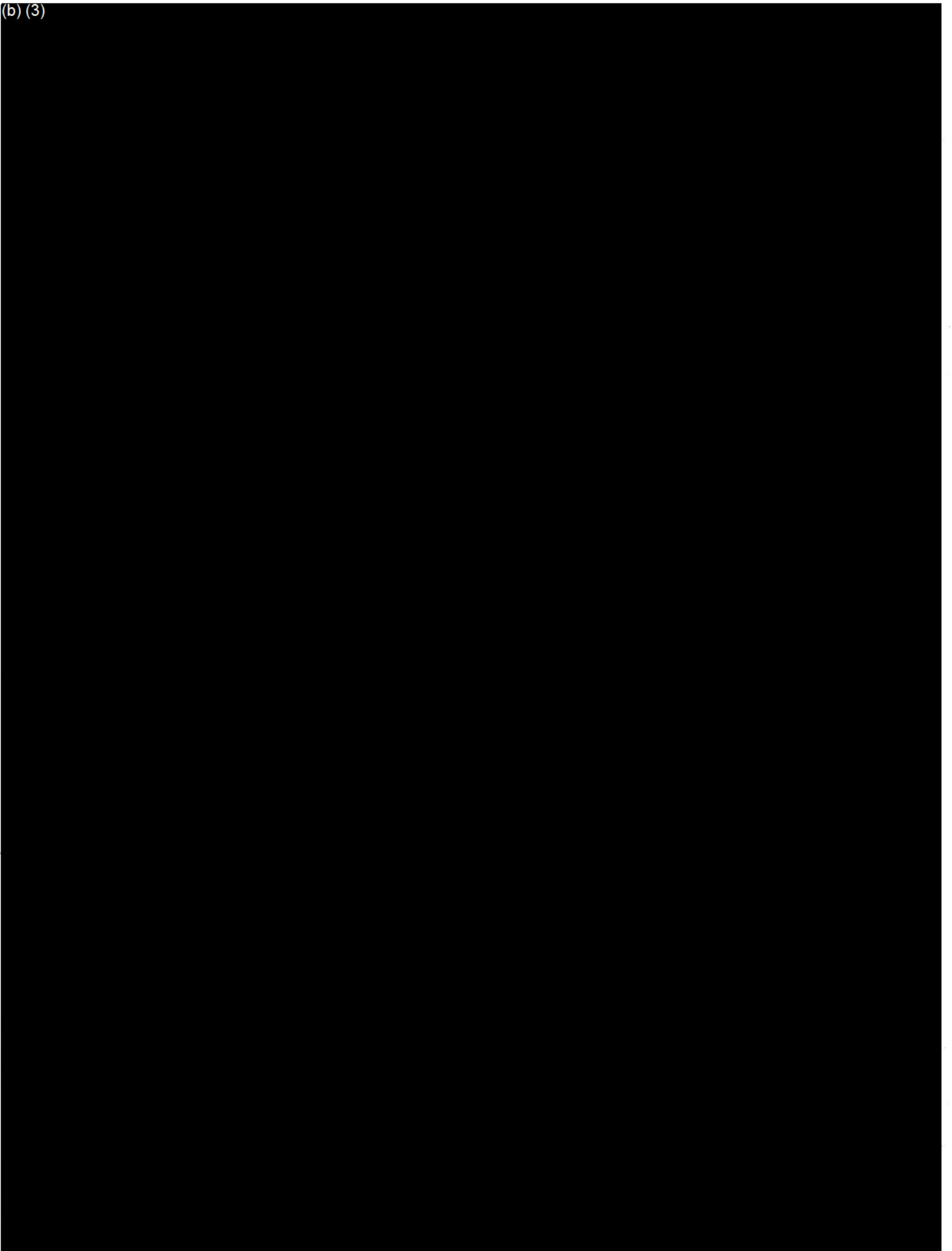




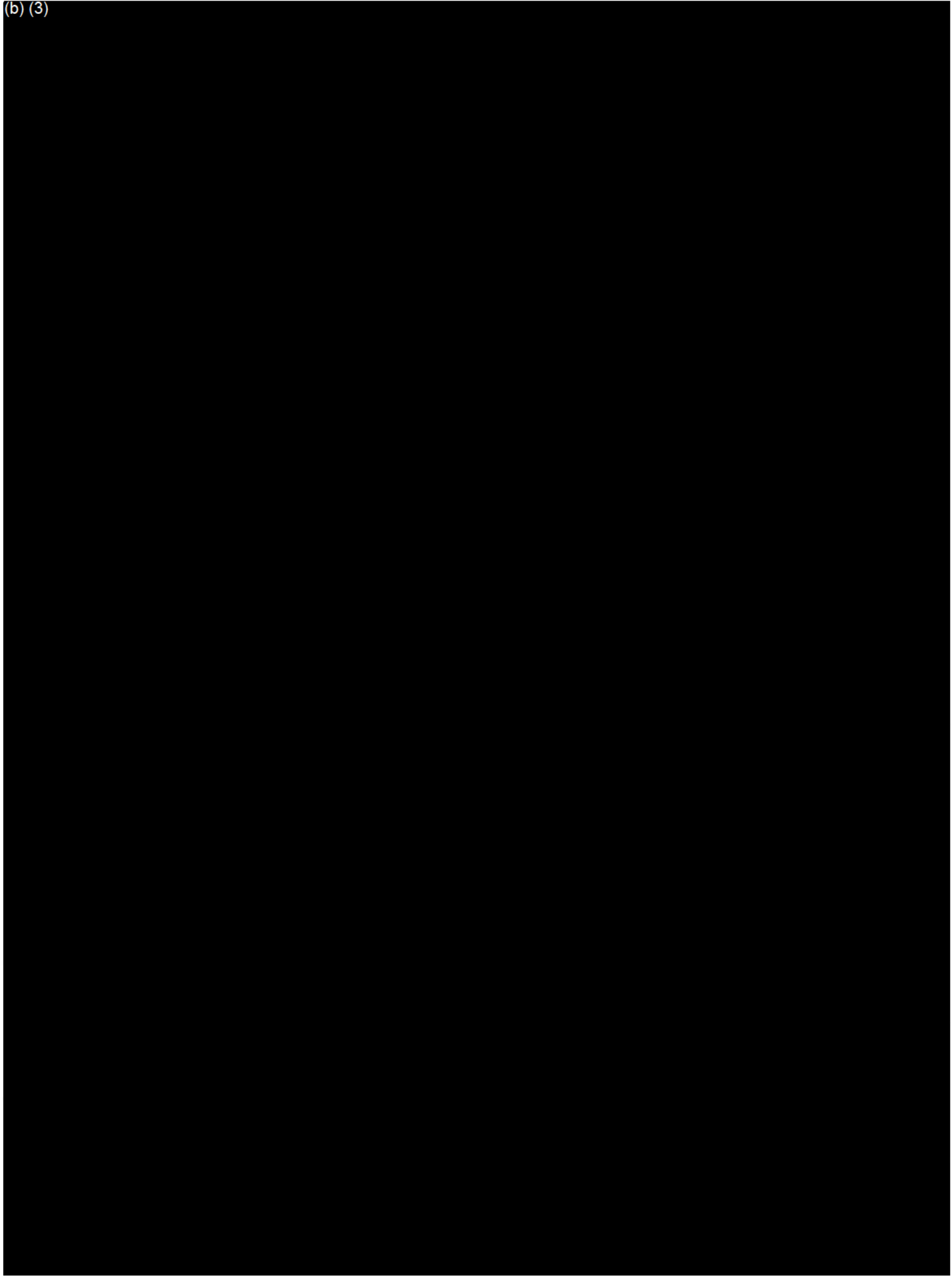


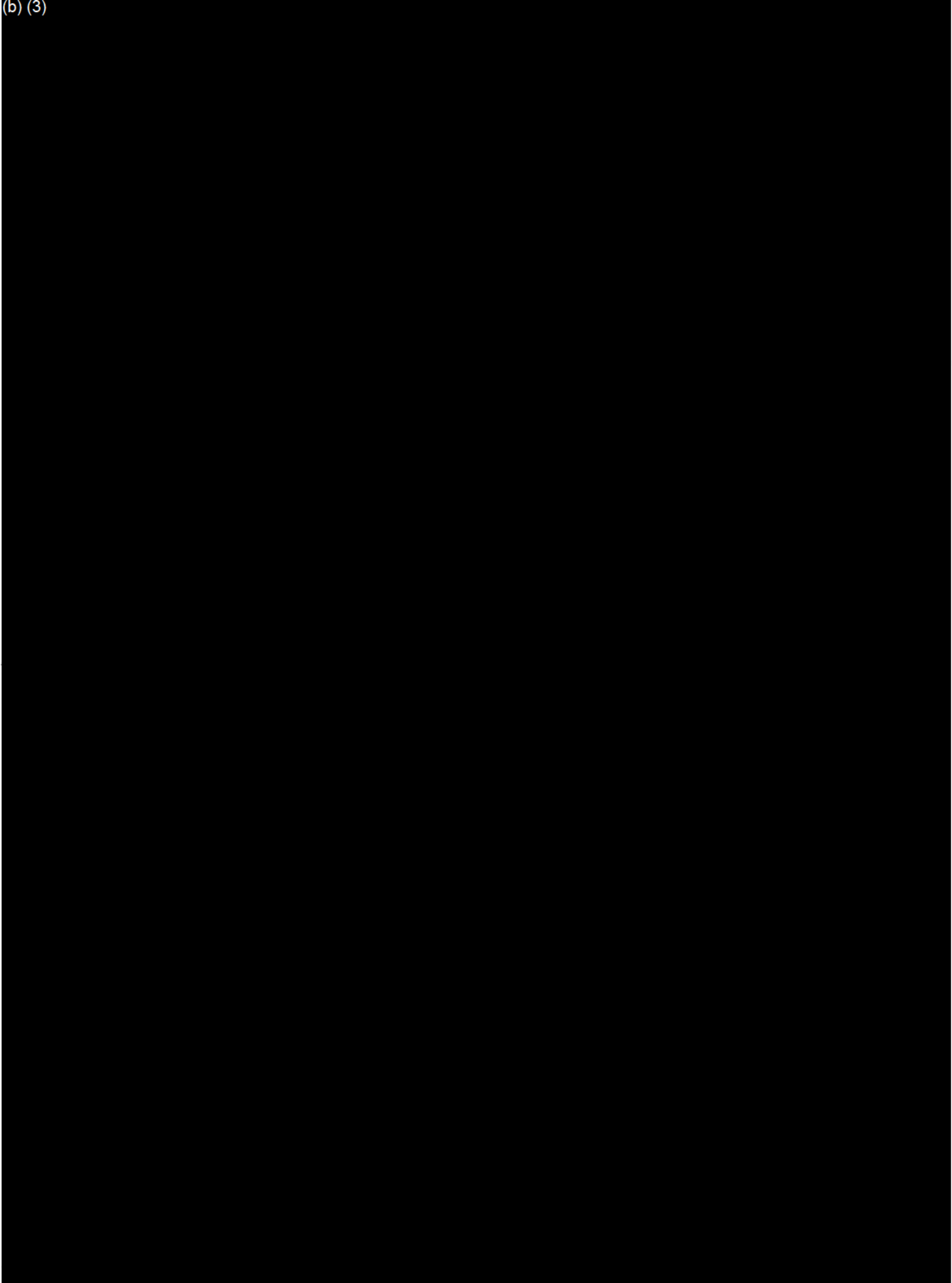




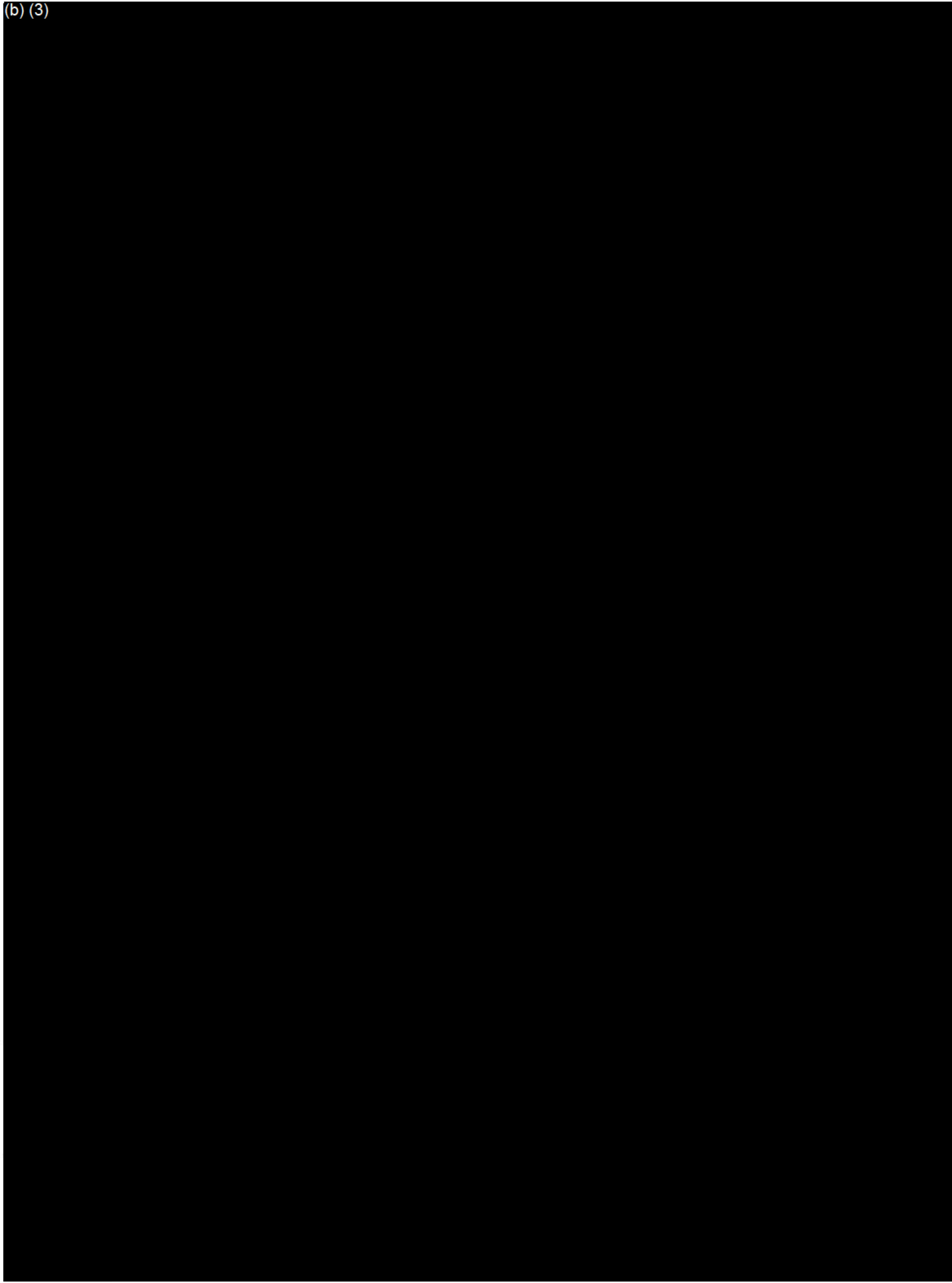






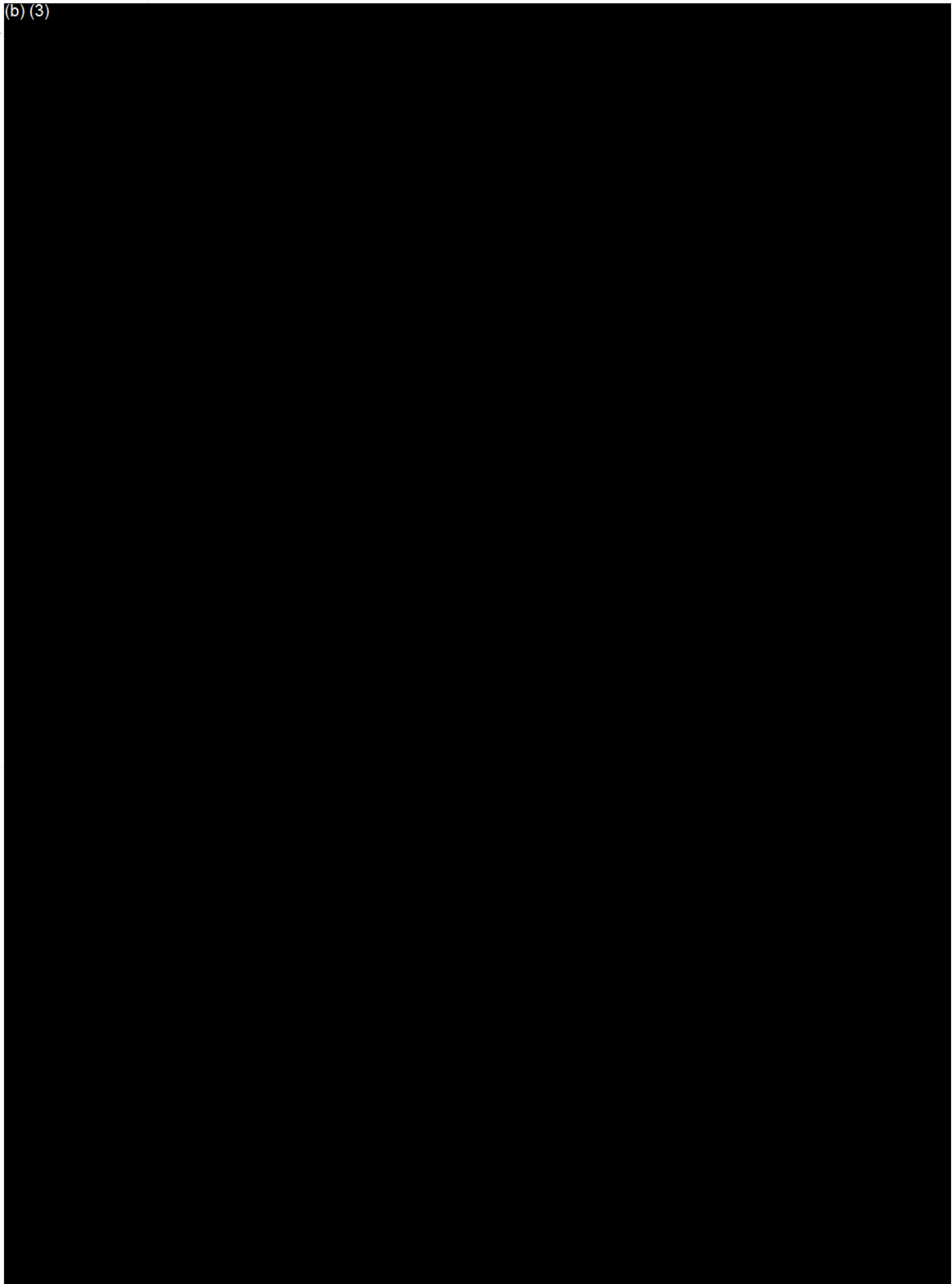


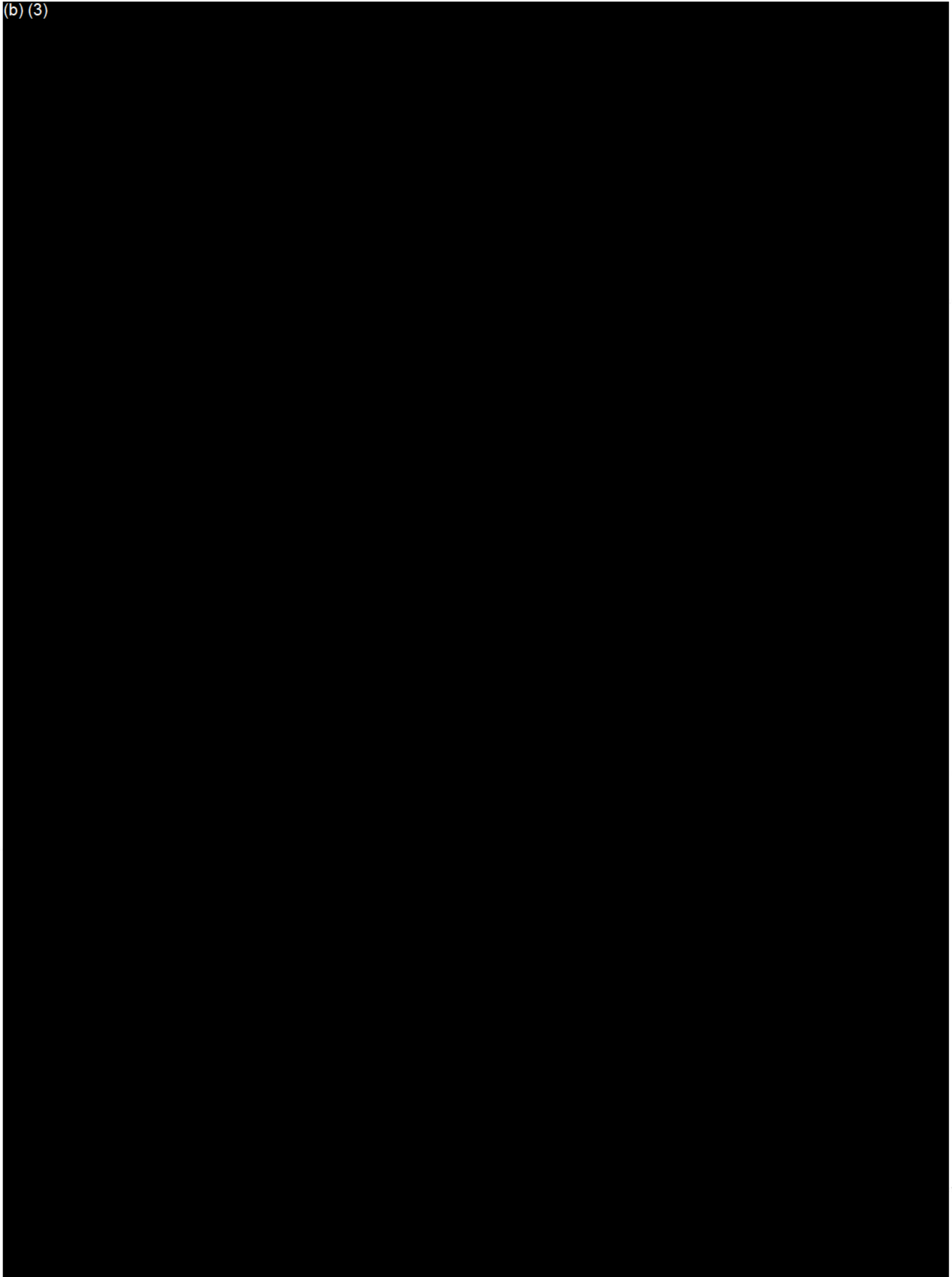


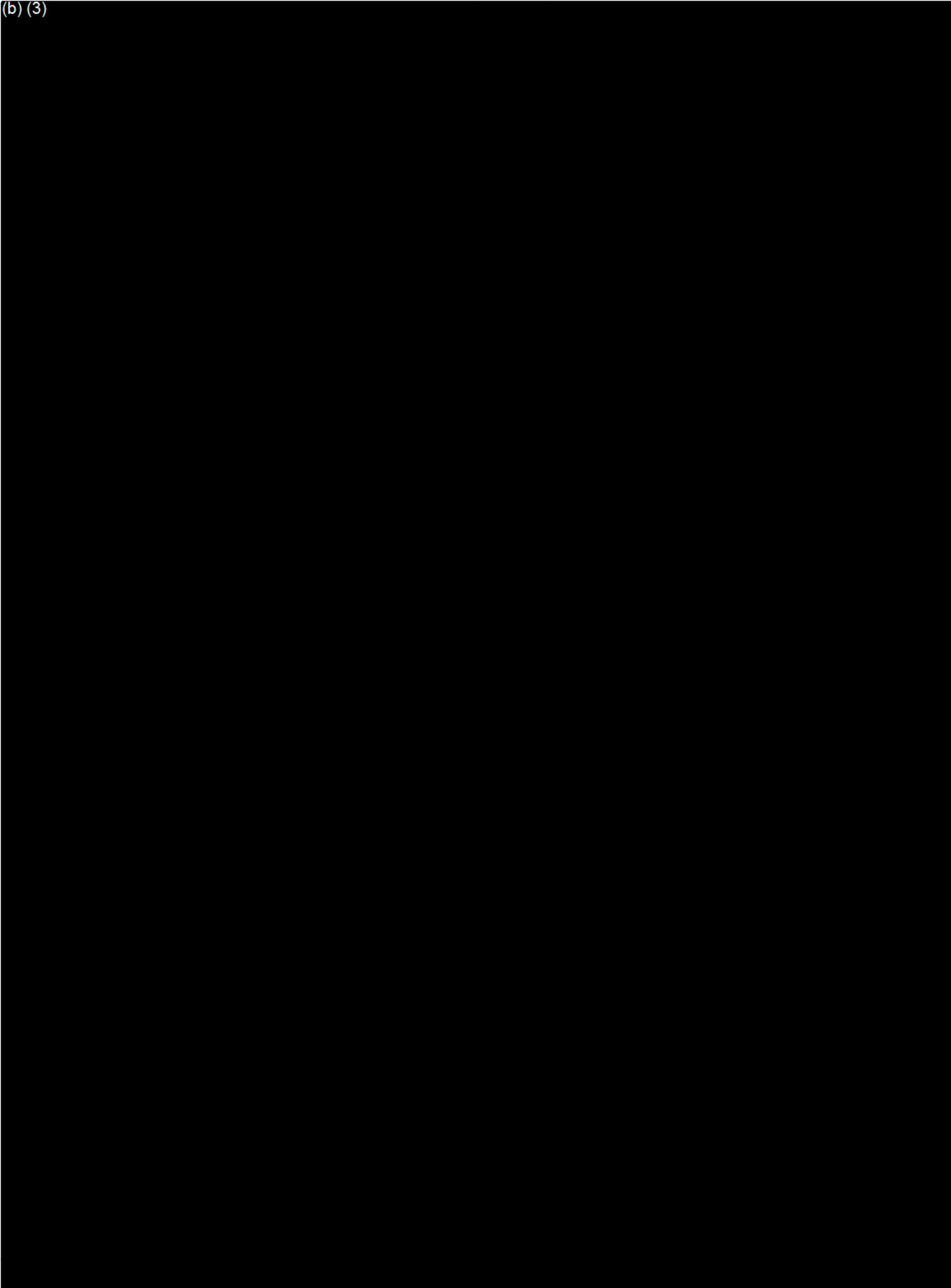


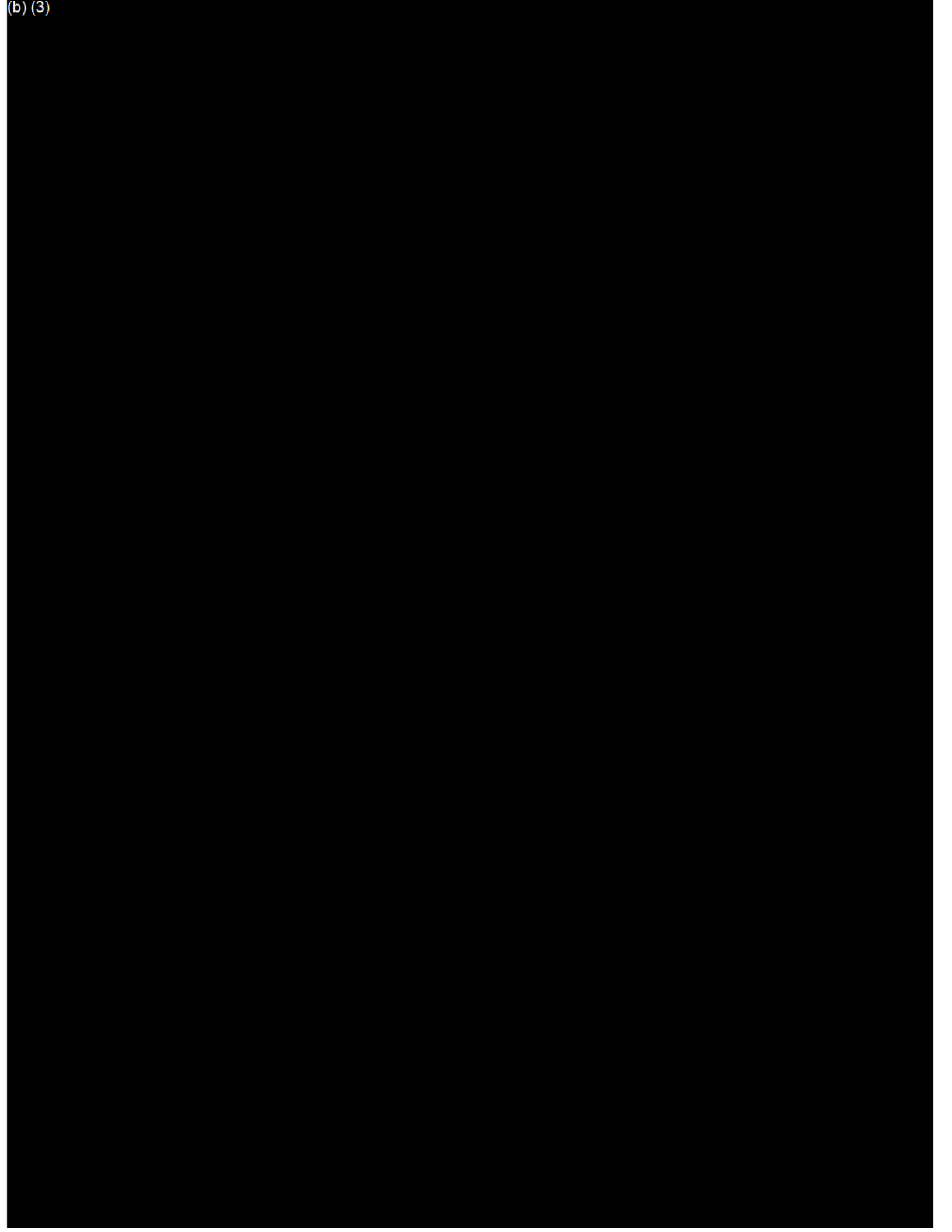


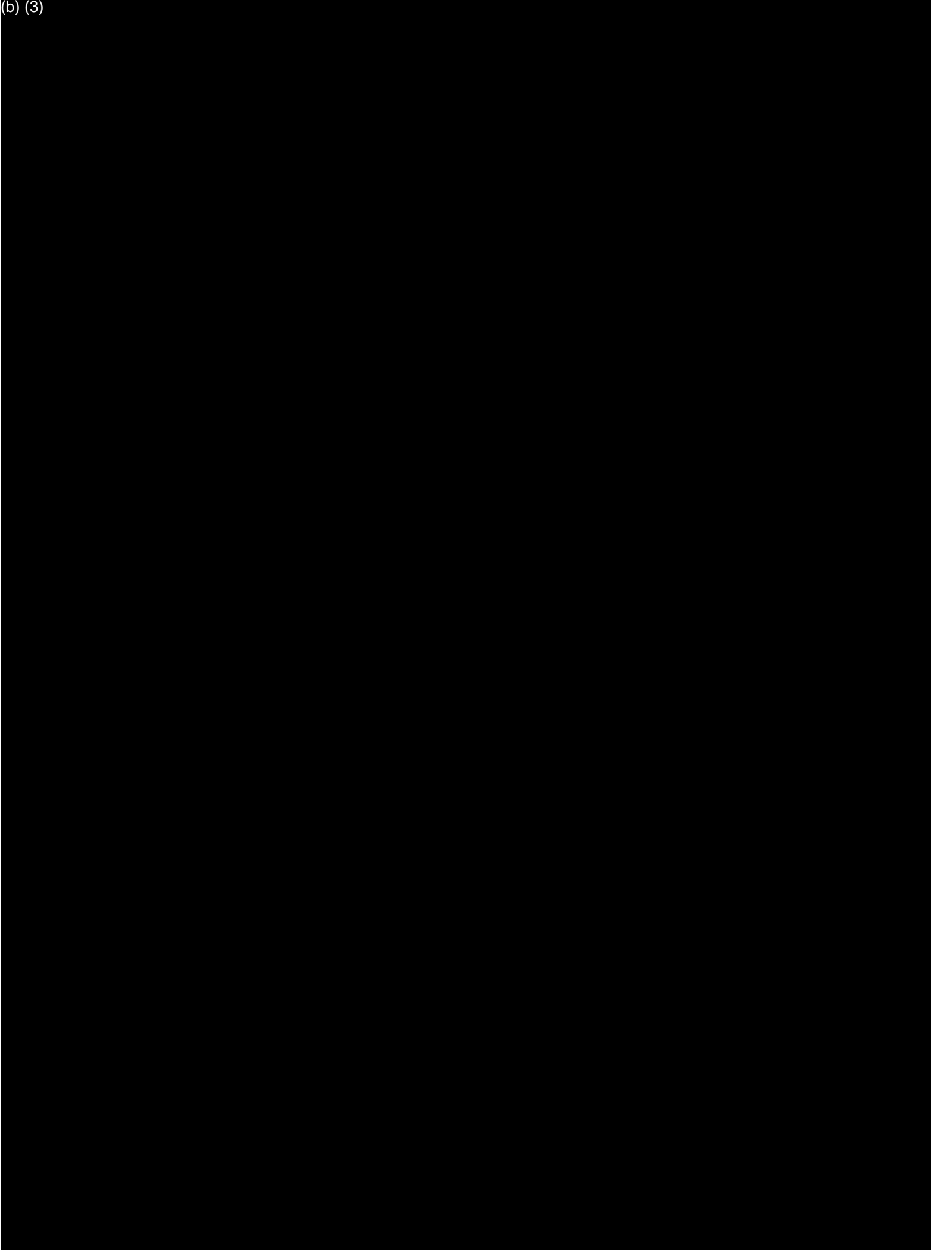










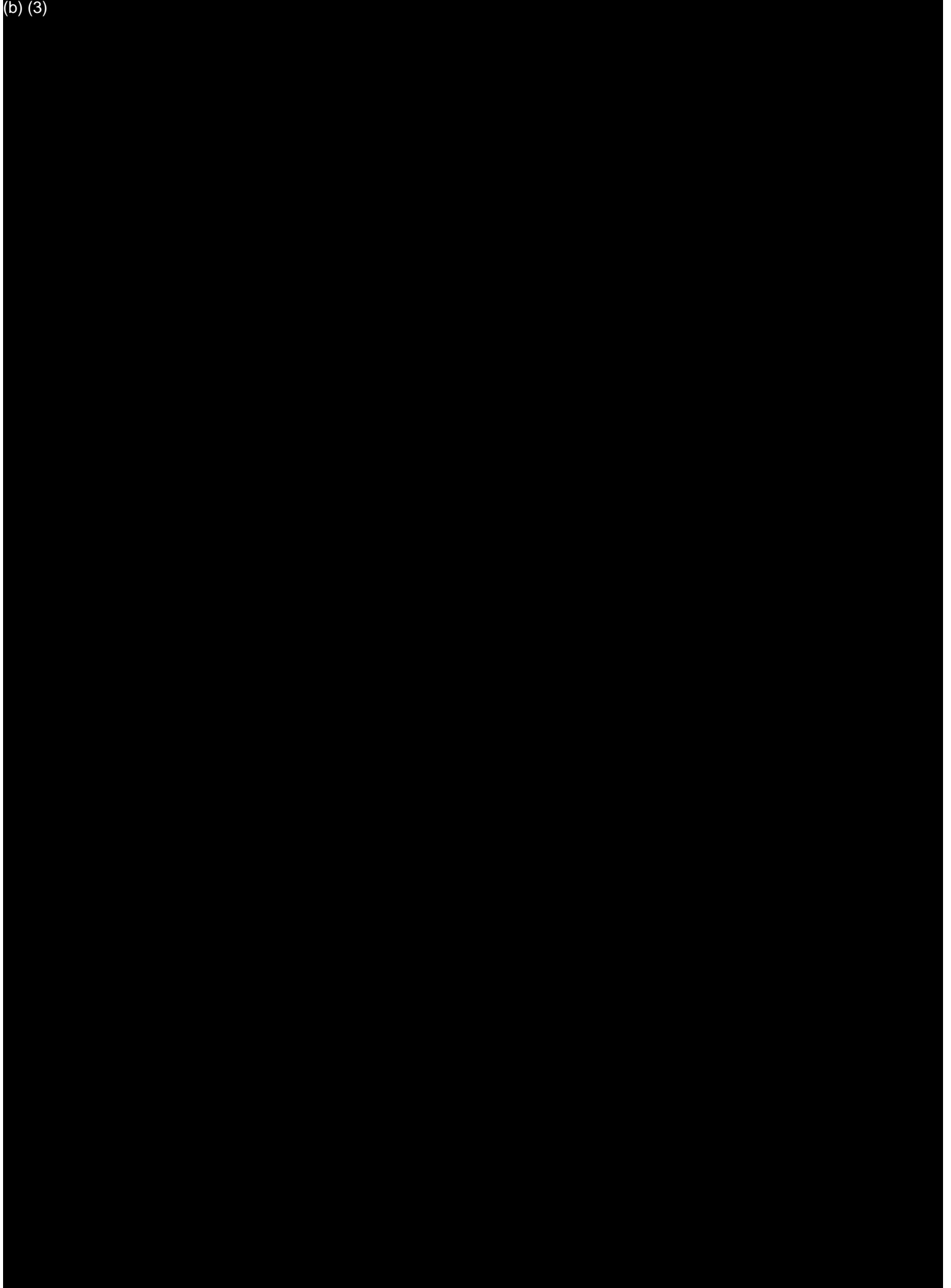


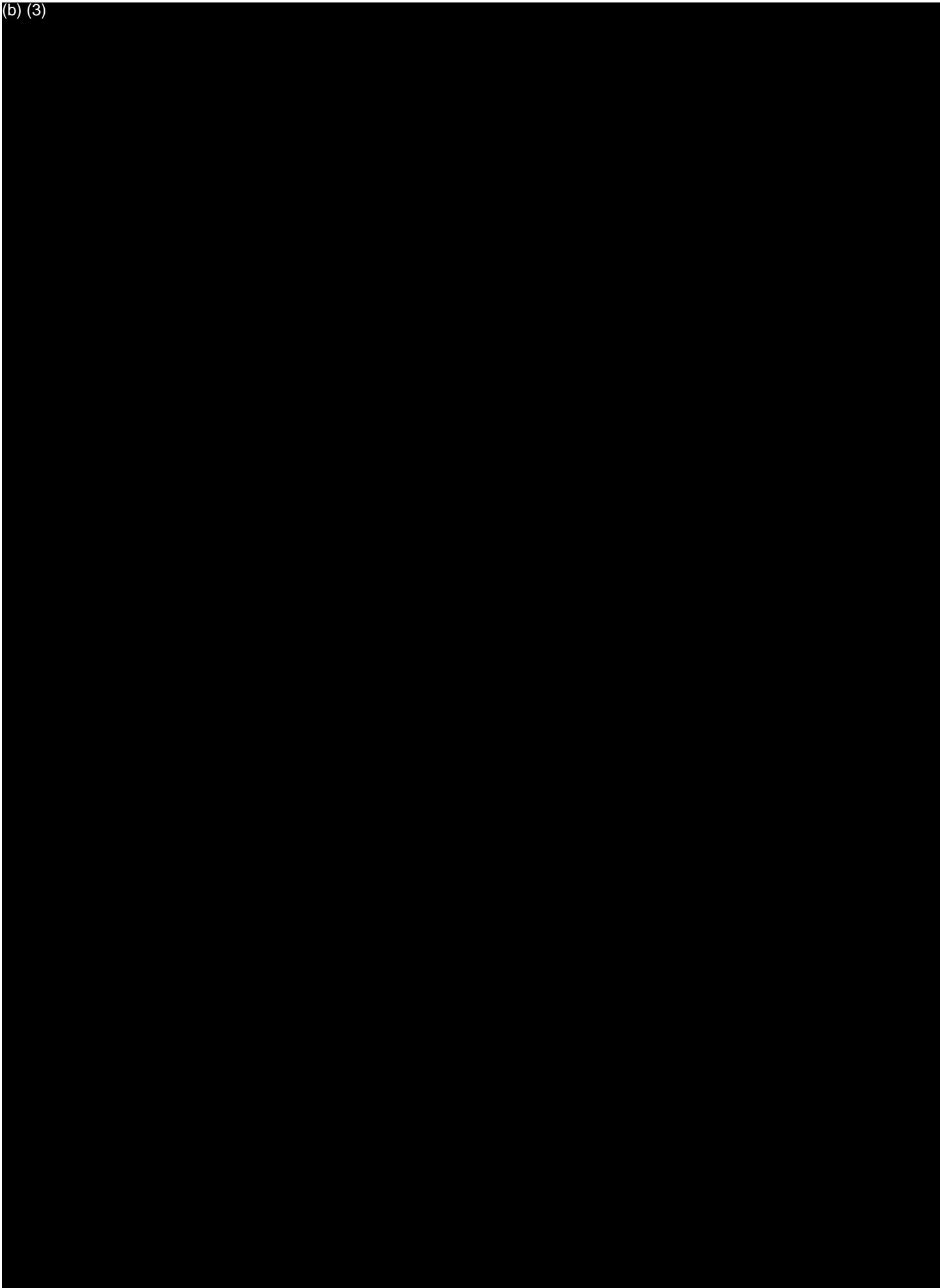


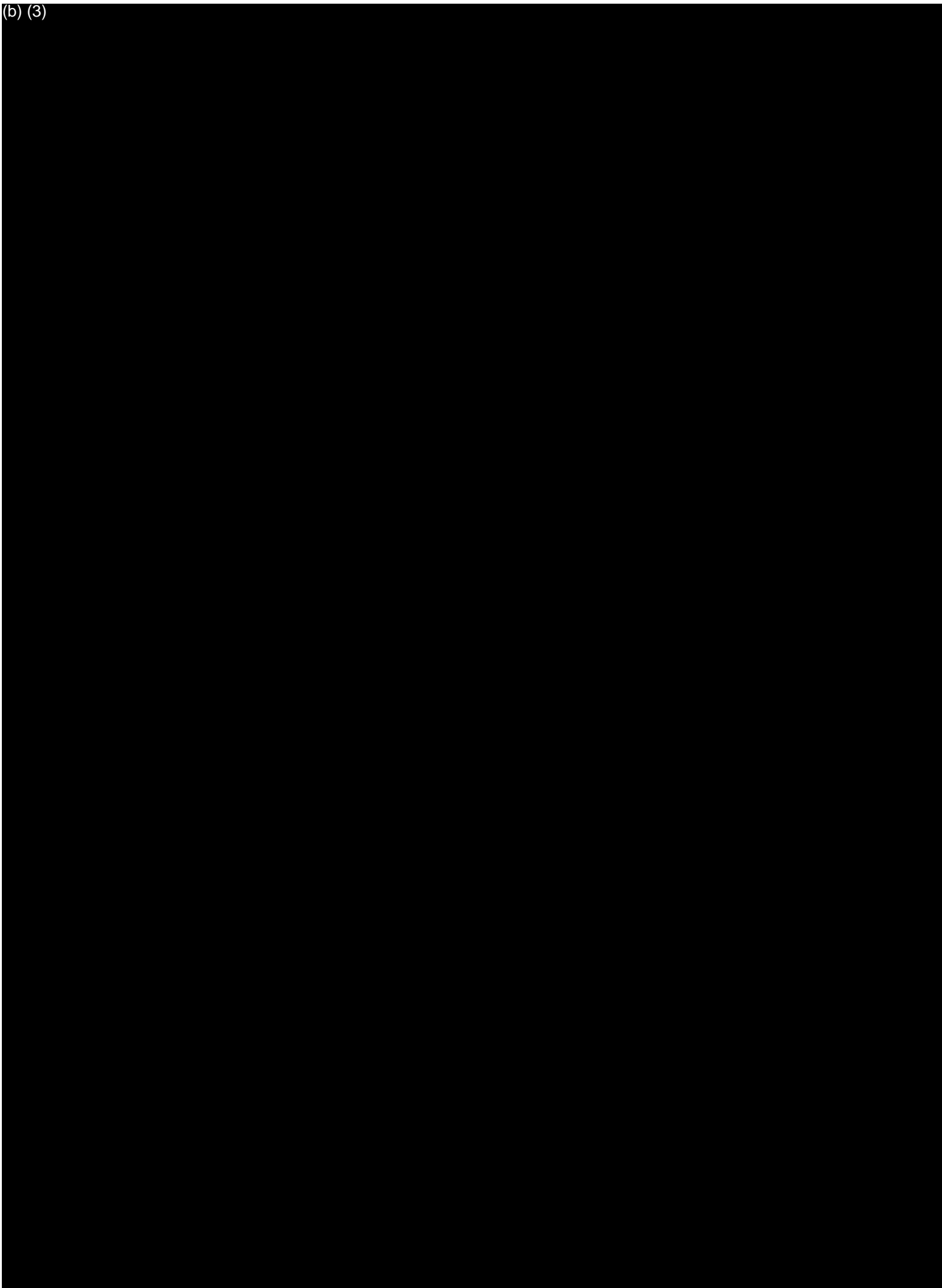








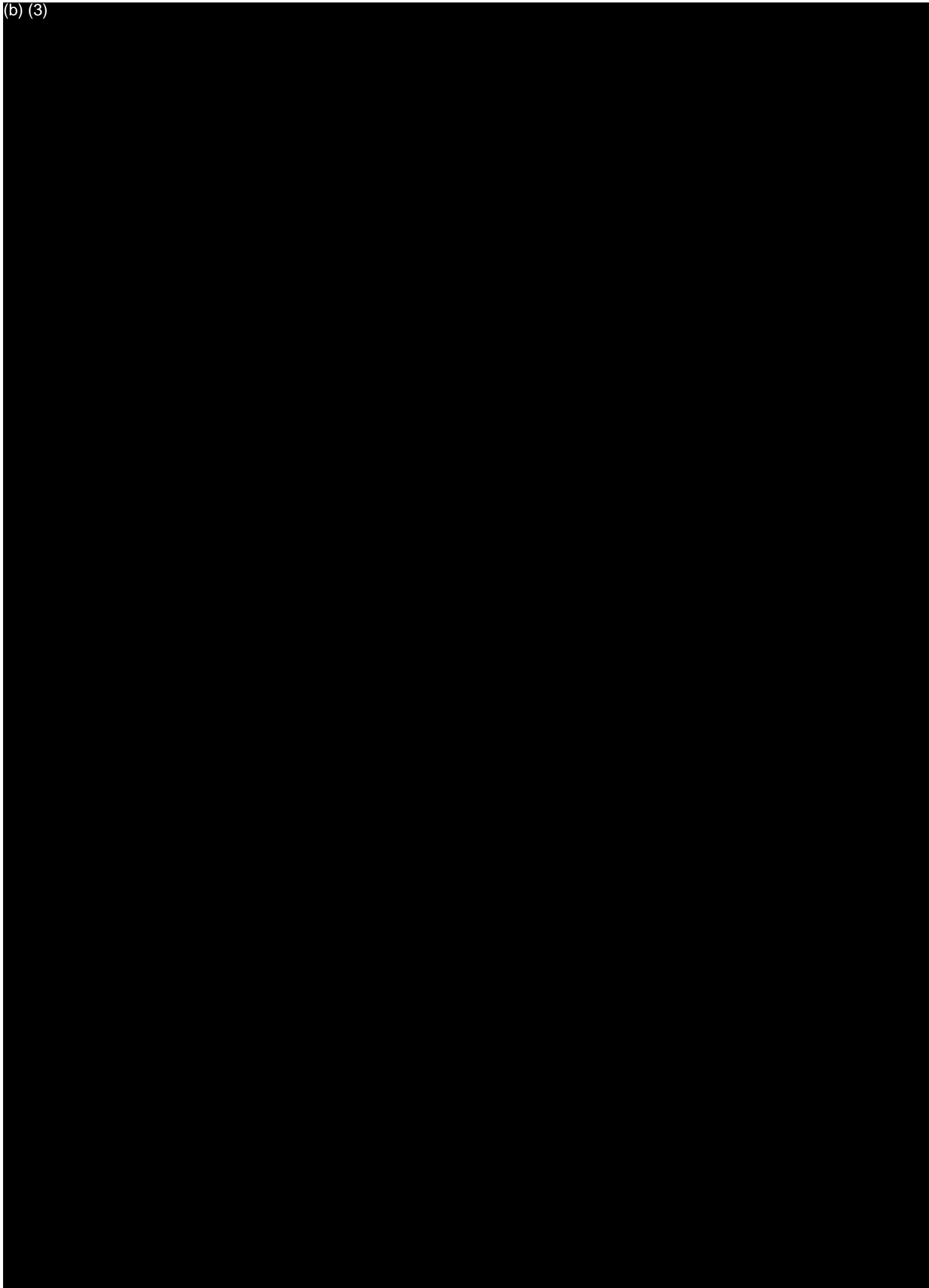


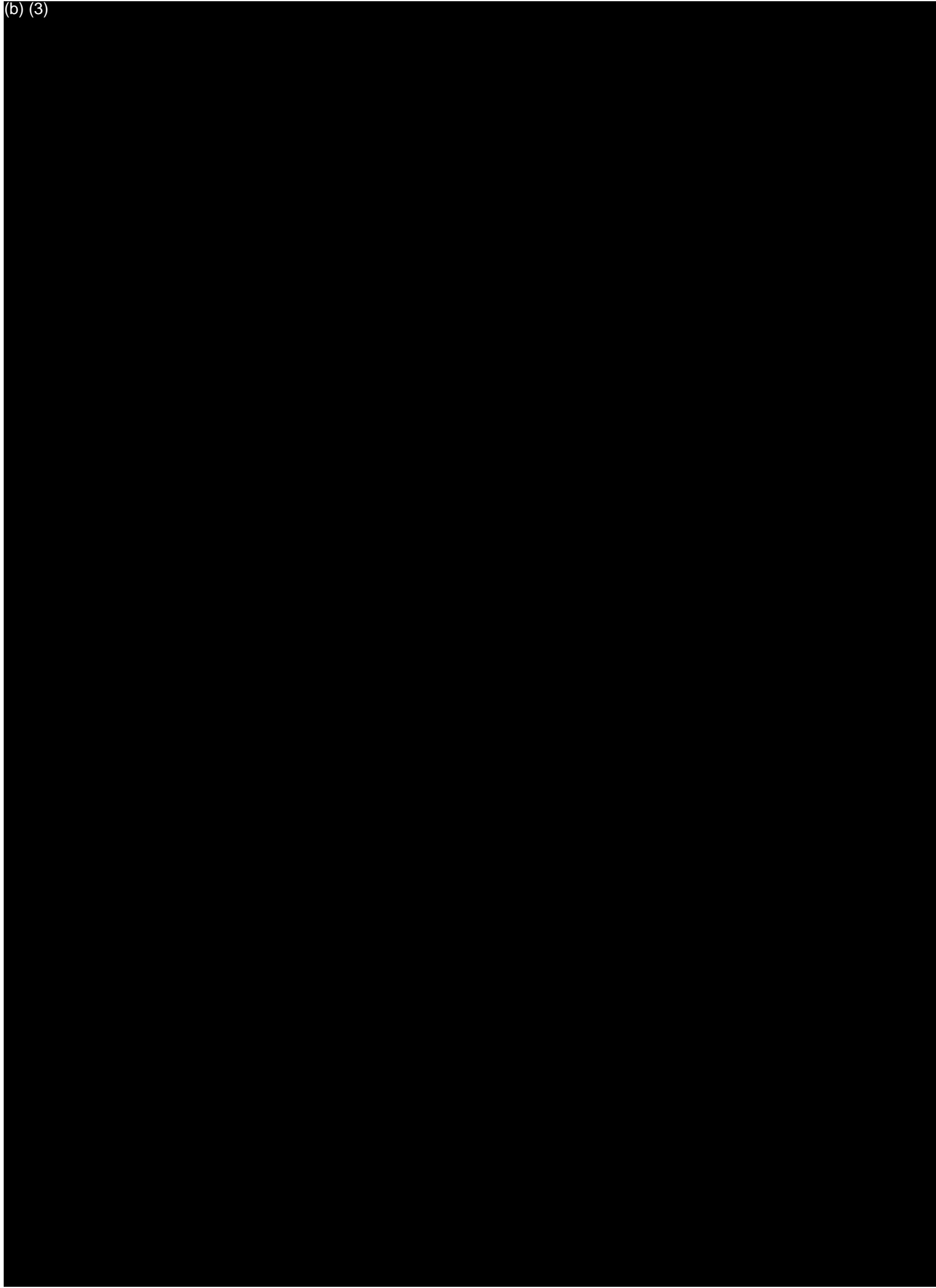


















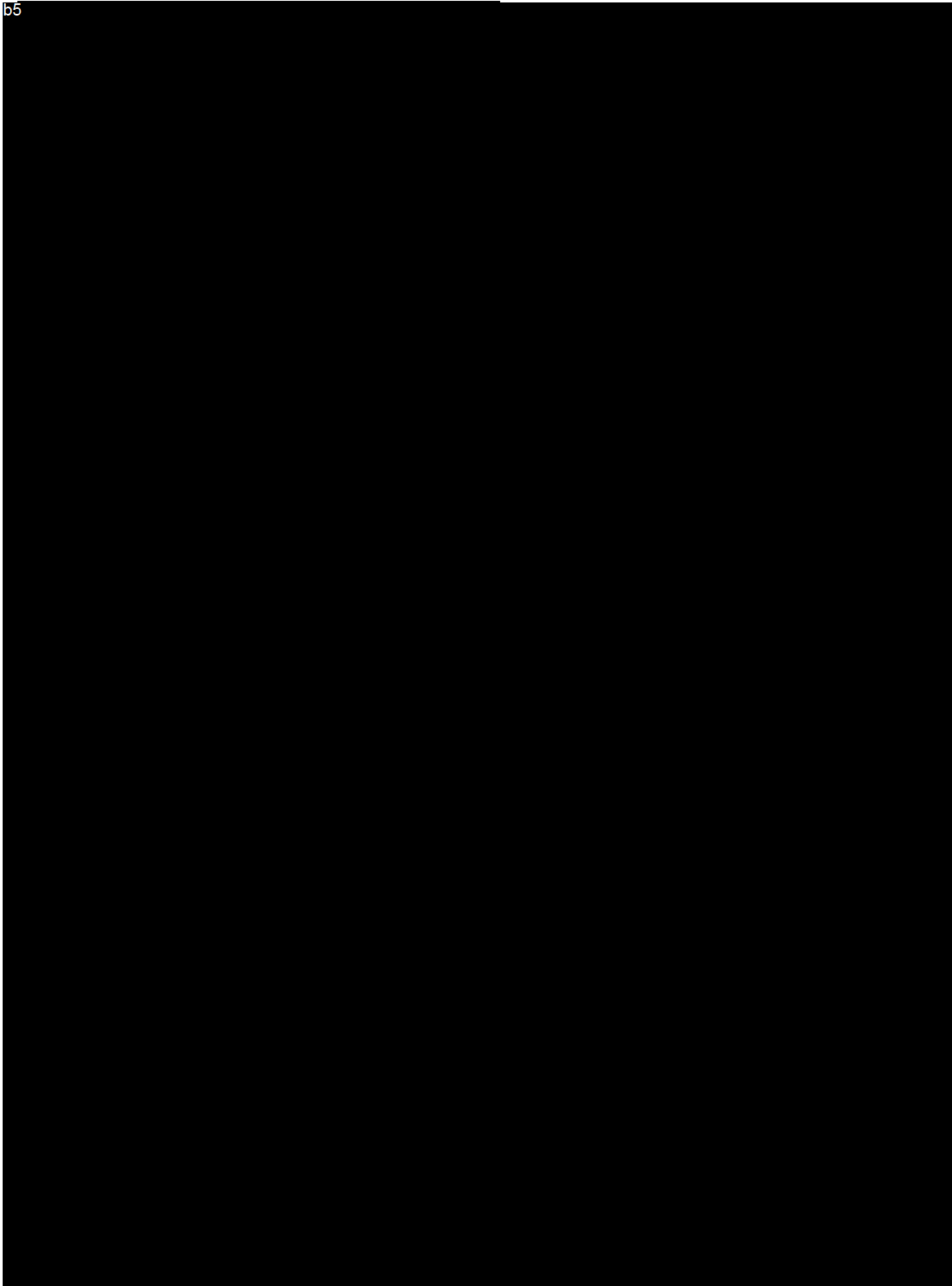


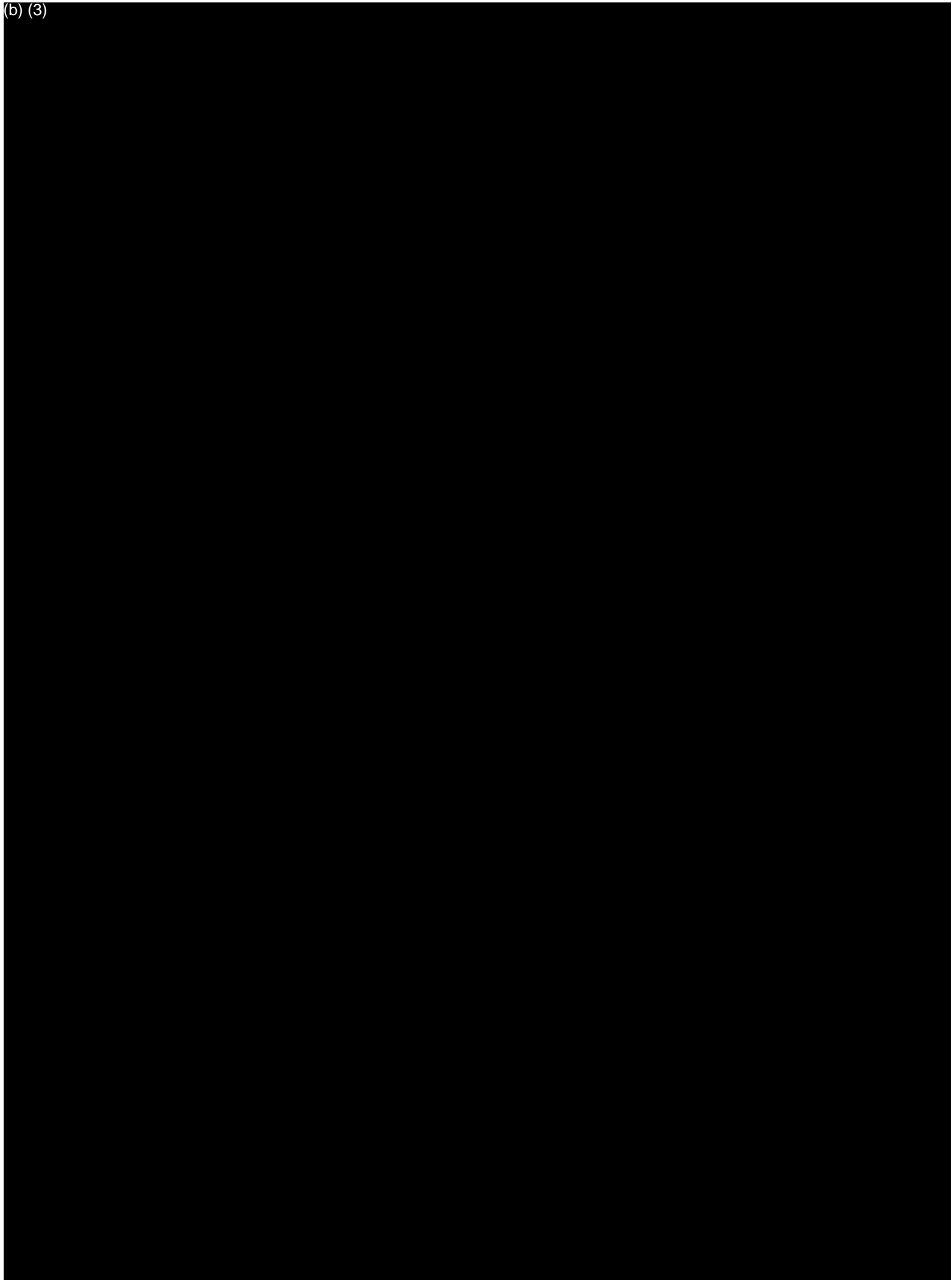












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OK..... I'll reformat your answers and send to reporter. I'll copy in our Ottawa attache so he's in the loop too.

YOU ARE TREMENDOUS!!!!!!

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 12:50 PM  
To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) >  
Subject: RE: search of electronic devices

Hi (b)(6);(b)(7)(C),

We can answer some of them.

1) Am I wrong If I say that agents can require the password or the opening with fingerprints of the electronic devices? (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

2) Do you have the number of Canadians (or people entering US from Canada) that had their electronic devices searched? In 2015? In 2016? In 2017? We do not have these statistics broken down by citizenship.

3) What system does CPB use to search the content of electronic devices? Does CPB keep copies of the content of those electronic devices ? (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

(b) (5)

This process is detailed in the Policy Regarding Border Search of Electronic Devices.

4) How many copies of the content of electronic devices were done in 2015? 2016? 2017? We do not have any further statistics to share.

5) How many were Canadians? We do not have any further statistics to share.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Office: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) | Cell: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 12:28 PM



To: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: FW: search of electronic devices

Hi, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C):

I sent this reporter our statement (April 11, 2017) on electronic media search which was very thorough. He has come back with these questions.

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Thoughts?

I'll send you a copy of the 4/11 statement in a separate email for your convenience.

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From: (b) (6)  
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 9:35 AM  
To: b6b7c  
Subject: Re: search of electronic devices

Hi (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)!

Have you seen my previous email?

On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 12:53 PM, (b) (6) wrote:

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) ... you are one of the fastest person in the world. Thank you for that.

Now, I need some clarifications.

1) Am I wrong If I say that agents can require the password or the opening with fingerprints of the electronic devices?

2) Do you have the number of Canadians (or people entering US from Canada) that had their electronic devices searched? In 2015? In 2016? In 2017?

3) What system does CPB use to search the content of electronic devices? Does CPB keep copies of the content of those electronic devices ?

4) How many copies of the content of electronic devices were done in 2015? 2016? 2017?

5) How many were Canadians?

On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 11:30 AM, b6b7c wrote:

Hello, (b) (6)

All travelers arriving to the U.S. are subject to CBP inspection. This inspection may include electronic devices such as computers, disks, drives, tapes, mobile phones and other communication devices, cameras, music and other media players and any other electronic or digital devices.

Various laws that CBP is charged to enforce authorize searches and detention in accordance with 8 U.S.C. § 1357 and 19 U.S.C. §§ 1499, 1581, 1582. All persons, baggage, and merchandise arriving in, or departing from, the United States are subject to inspection, search and detention. This is because CBP officers must determine the identity and citizenship of all persons seeking entry into the United States, determine the admissibility of foreign nationals, and deter the entry of possible terrorists, terrorist weapons, controlled substances, and a wide variety of other prohibited and restricted items.

Keeping America safe and enforcing our nation's laws in an increasingly digital world depends on our ability to lawfully examine all materials entering the U.S.

Searches of electronic devices at the border are often integral to a determination of an individual's intentions upon entry and provide additional information relevant to admissibility determinations under immigration laws. They are critical to the detection of evidence relating to terrorism and other national security matters, human and bulk cash smuggling, contraband, and child pornography. They can also reveal information about financial and commercial crimes, such as those relating to copyright, trademark and export control violations.

CBP electronic media searches have resulted in arrests for child pornography, evidence helpful in combating terrorist activity, violations of export controls, convictions for intellectual property rights violations, and visa fraud discoveries.

It is important to note that electronic media is just one piece of additional data examined during a border inspection and used to determine admissibility. The search is intended to complement other forms of information and intelligence commonly used during the inspection and vetting process.

Failure to provide information to assist CBP may result in the detention and/or seizure of the electronic device. All persons, baggage, and merchandise arriving in, or departing from, the United States are subject to inspection, search and detention.

Over the past few years, CBP has adapted and adjusted our actions to align with current threat information, which is based on intelligence. As the threat landscape changes, so does CBP. Additional CBP officers have been trained on electronic media searches as more travelers than ever before are arriving at U.S. ports of entry with multiple electronics. Despite an increase in electronic media searches during the last fiscal year, it remains that CBP examines the electronic devices of less than one-hundredth of one percent of travelers arriving to the United States.

CBP is committed to ensuring the rights and privacies of all people while making certain that CBP can take the lawful actions necessary to secure our borders.

I am also attaching a statement released earlier this year on the search of electronic devices by CBP at the border. It covers many of your questions.

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reporter, LA VÉRIF

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Responses

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Aloha All,

Attached are the two responses that we received for the above subject GSQ RFQ for News Article and Media Monitoring Services.

I appreciate your assistance!

Mahalo,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Contract Specialist

Mission Support Contracting Division-West

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Indianapolis, Indiana

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From: Office of the Secretary  
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To:  
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Subject: Message from Secretary John F. Kelly  
Date: Mon Jul 31 2017 09:19:47 EDT  
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July 31, 2017

Message from Secretary John F. Kelly

This morning, I will be swearing an oath of office to defend the Constitution for the 16th time - this time to be the White House Chief of Staff.

Although I am moving downtown, you are in good hands at DHS. Elaine Duke will be the Acting Secretary. Few people know DHS as well as Elaine does, and she will step in and continue with a strong focus on the mission. Also, Chip Fulghum, the current Acting Under Secretary for Management will once again step up – this time as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary.

Additionally, the Department's Chief of Staff, Kirstjen Nielsen, will begin a White House detail today to support my move. In her absence, Chad Wolf will be the Department's acting Chief of Staff.

With these changes I expect that the Department will not skip a beat.

While I am honored to have this new opportunity, I will truly miss being your Secretary. You are a tremendous group of selfless public servants...the best of the best our country produces. You deserve more praise and recognition than you receive, but rest assured you have my respect and deep thanks.

Thank you for the honor of having served America by your side in the home game.

Thank you for letting me walk the often dangerous southwest border trails with you, and for showing me how you keep America safe at the ports in Miami and Long Beach.

Thank you for your efforts to keep those who would do us harm from receiving a visa or entering our homeland illegally.

Thank you for the respect you showed me when I visited our Coast Guard fleet.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to accompany you on pre-dawn ICE operations in the dangerous work of apprehending criminal-illegal aliens.

Thank you for keeping millions of airline passengers safe, our cyber networks free of contamination, and helping our citizens recover from natural disasters of every kind.

Thank you for all the other thousands of things you do each day for our country.

Thank you most of all for allowing me to be part of the DHS family.

Sincerely,

John F. Kelly

Secretary of Homeland Security

With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values.

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: FW: OPA Daily Report and Weekly Metrics, July 24, 2017

Date: Mon Jul 24 2017 17:54:48 EDT

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OPA Daily for your review.

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Director of Visual Communications  
Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:20:27 PM

To: MCALEENAN, KEVIN K; VITIELLO, RONALD D (USBP)

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Subject: OPA Daily Report and Weekly Metrics, July 24, 2017

Media:

\* CBP Office of Public Affairs responded to several media outlets including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and CNN requesting information related to the individuals who perished or were injured inside a trailer in a human smuggling incident in San Antonio, Texas, yesterday. CBP provided the latest death statistics, background information about recent cases in which CBP has been able to rescue individuals being smuggled, and also pitched follow-on stories and ride-alongs for expanded stories. Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Social Media:

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Engagements: number of times an individual interacted with the tweet, i.e., liked, favorited, shared, etc.

Communication and Outreach:

Internal Communications (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))

- \* Email Messages: CBP Central
- \* CBPnet Posting: CBP Central (b)(7)(E)
- \* DHS Connect: U.S. Coast Guard Honors CBP Liaison Officer Solis (b)(7)(E)

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CBPSpeaks (Lead: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C))

CBPSpeaks reported 22 speakers the week of July 17 with an anticipated audience reach to 5,600 individuals.

Visual Communications:

\* Producing a video for the U.S. Secret Service in San Diego announcing the opening of a 40th Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF) in San Diego. The ECTFs serve as an information sharing and a collaborative forum on cybercrime. They focus on crime prevention, mitigation, investigations and prosecutions.

\* Captured, packaged and delivered imagery of a fentanyl seizure at the San Ysidro Port of Entry for internal and external information and messaging.

\* Photographed CBP Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan presenting career service awards to CBP personnel at the Senior Management Council meeting.

\* Photographed CBP Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan speaking to Law Enforcement Explorers. The Explorers are participating in the National Law Enforcement Explorers Leadership Academies.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	6/28/2021	International Trade	Annual Conference (June 28-30, 2021)	Local Media,National Media	Sheraton Times Square, NY	Yes	OT, OFO	AAEI	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	6/15/2020	International Trade	Annual Conference, (June 15-17, 2020)	Local Media,National Media	Marriott Harbor Beach Resort, Ft. Lauderdale	Yes	OT, OFO	AAEI	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	10/14/2019	International Trade	Annual Meeting (Oct. 14-16, 2019, Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City)	TBD	DC	No	OT and OFO	NBCBA	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	6/26/2019	International Trade	Annual Conference (June 26-28, 2016)	Local Media,National Media	Renaissance Washington, DC	No	OT, OFO	AAEI	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	10/8/2018	International Trade	Annual Meeting form 10/8 to 10/10	TBD	DC	No	OT and OFO	NBCBA	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	6/6/2018	International Trade	Annual Conference (June 6-8, 2018)	Local Media,National Media	Baltimore Marriott Waterfront	No	OT, OFO	AAEI	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 15	4/16/2018	Travel	Annual conference	TBD	San Diego	Yes	OFO	AAAE	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 14	3/20/2018	Trust Travel Programs	Worldwide Airport Conference	TBD	Stockholm, Sweden	Yes	OFO	Passenger Terminal Expo	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	COLONNELLO, JOANNE	Center Director	Grade 15	11/16/2017	Trade	Global Logistics Conference	Closed to Media	NY	No	OFO	Expeditors	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Owen, Todd C (AC OFO)	EAC	SES	10/26/2017	International Trade	Building Bridges While Minimizing Barriers	TBD	Laredo	Yes	OFO	Southern Border Conference	Delegated	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Anthropologist	Grade 13 or below	10/24/2017	International Trade	Symposium: October 22-25, 2017	Local Media,National Media	WA	Yes	OS	Geological Society of America	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCALLENAN, KEVIN K	Acting C1	SES	10/23/2017	Border Security	Annual Conference	TBD	San Diego	Yes	Commissioner's Office	National Association of Foreign-Trade Zone	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	10/23/2017	Trust Travel Programs	National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones Conference (NAFTZ)	Local Media	CA	Yes	OFO	National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)			10/23/2017				DC	No		IDGA		No

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	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15		Border Security	Homeland Security Week	Local Media, National Media			OFO, AMO, and OT		Pending CBP Speaks Review	
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 15	10/18/2017	Border Security	24th Biennial Conference	TBD	Las Vegas	Yes	TBD	Association For Canadian Studies in the U.S.	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
(b) (6), (b) (7)	Deputy Chief Patrol Agent	Grade 14	10/18/2017	Border Security	Annual Conference	TBD	San Antonio	Yes	USBP	NASCSA	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
CBPSPEAKS	Multiple speakers (TBD)	Grade 15	10/12/2017	International Trade	WESCCON 2017	TBD		Yes		Western Cargo Conference (WESCCON)	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 14	10/9/2017	International Trade	DC Conference, Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City (10/9-11, 2017)	TBD	VA	No	OT and OFO	NBCBA	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 14	10/4/2017	Information Technology	Sixth Annual Cybersecurity Summit	TBD	DC	No	OIT	U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
MCALLENAN, KEVIN K MANAHER, COLLEEN M	Multiple Speakers	SES	10/2/2017	Border Security	October DC Conference	TBD	DC	No	OFO	CAN/AM Border Trade Alliance	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
MCMILLAN, ROBERT C JESUKIEWICZ, THOMAS J Owen, Todd C (AC OFO) RILEY, TROY P WALSH, MICHAEL B AUGUSTIN, DEBORAH KAUFER, LAUREN M (OPR) DINUCCI, RICHARD F COLONNELLO, JOANNE TABOADA, ARMANDO MCALLENAN, KEVIN K CONSTANT-GIBSON, FLORENCE	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	9/25/2017	International Trade	Advanced Forum on Customs and Trade Enforcement	TBD	DC	No	OT, OFO	American Conference Institute	Form not submitted	No
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 14	9/20/2017	International Trade	Celebrating US - Africa Cooperation through African Growth and Opportunity Act (9/20 to 9/24, 2017, New York)	TBD	NY	Yes	OFO, OT, OTR	AGOA Festival Partnerships	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
VITIELLO, RONALD D (USBP)	Chief	SES	9/20/2017	Border Security	Annual National Police Shooting Championship Awards Banquet	TBD	NM	Yes	USBP	NRA	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
PROVOST, CARLA (USBP)	Multiple speakers	SES	9/13/2017	Border Security	US/CA Border Conference	TBD	MI	No	USBP	US/CA Border Conference	Form not submitted	No
(b) (7)(E), (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Assistant Port Director	Grade 14	9/13/2017	Border Security	CBP Presentation	TBD	Kansas City	Yes	OCA	USCIS	Approved	No
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 15	9/10/2017	International Trade	Government Affairs Conference	TBD	DC	No	TBD	NCBFAA	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
RODRIGUEZ, CARLOS R	Information Technology Specialist	Grade 15	9/7/2017	International Trade	Houston Trade Day	TBD	TX	Yes	OT	CBP/OT	N/A	No
MANAHER, COLLEEN M		SES	9/6/2017			TBD	Las Vegas	Yes	OFO			No

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<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Executive Director			Trust Travel Programs	On the Ground Conference					Future Travel Experience	Form not submitted	
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Import Specialist	Grade 13 or below	8/31/2017	International Trade	Trade Day	TBD	Columbus	Yes	OFO	CBP/CEE AGriculture & Prepared Products, CEE	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/> MCALEENAN, KEVIN K	Acting C1	SES	8/23/2017	Border Security	Annual Conference	TBD	TX		Commissioner's Office	Texas Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Director	Grade 14	8/23/2017	Maritime Operations and Systems Integration	Maritime ISR Summit	TBD	FL	Yes	AMO	IQPC	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	8/23/2017	International Trade	Trade Day: Detroit Field Office	TBD	MI	Yes	OFO	CBP	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)												
<input type="checkbox"/> VITIELLO, RONALD D (USBP)	Acting Deputy Commissioner	SES	8/23/2017	Border Security	Training Conference	TBD	MI	Yes	Commissioner's	MELOA	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/> NEUHART, VALARIE M	Acting Director	Grade 15	8/23/2017		Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Public Meeting	Local Media	CA	Yes	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)			No
<input type="checkbox"/> MCALEENAN, KEVIN K	Acting Commissioner	SES	8/22/2017		Annual Conference	TBD	NV	Yes	Office of Commissioner	National Native American Law Enforcement Association	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/> CBPSPEAKS	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	8/16/2017	International Trade	6th Annual Trade Day	TBD	Detroit	No	OFO	CBP/Detroit Field Office	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Information Technology Specialist	Grade 14	8/16/2017	International Trade	Port of Dallas Trade Day	TBD	Dallas/Forth Worth	Yes	OT	Port of Dallas/Fort Worth	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/> BELL, AFRICA	Director	Grade 15	8/8/2017	International Trade	CEE 101	TBD	TBD, could be remote	No	OFO	St. Louis Compliance Practitioners	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/> SWANSON, JAMES	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	8/7/2017	International Trade	Annual Conference	TBD	CA	Yes	OFO	Global Trade Educational Conference	Pending DHS Speakers Bureau Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/> DELANSKY, WILLIAM S												
<input type="checkbox"/> HATFIELD, AMY E												
<input type="checkbox"/> AVERY-PAGE, CLAIRE R.												
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)												
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Information Technology Specialist	Grade 14	8/7/2017	International Trade	Conference	TBD	CA	Yes	OT	Global Trade Educational Conference (GTEC)	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Senior Scientist	Grade 13 or below	8/6/2017	Professional Techniques Workshop	Advanced Digital Processing of Evidentiary Photography	Local Media	GA	Yes	LSSD	International Association for Identification	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Supervisory Import Specialist	Grade 14	8/4/2017	International Trade	Trade Day	TBD	Miami	No		CBP/OFO	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/> MCALEENAN, KEVIN K	Acting Commissioner	SES	7/29/2017	Border Security	Annual Conference	Local Media,National Media	GA	Yes	Commissioner's	NOBLE	N/A	No

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<input type="checkbox"/>	WAGNER, JOHN P	DEAC	SES	7/28/2017	Travel	Biometrics for Government and Law Enforcement International Summit	TBD	DC	No	OFO	Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA)	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	HALL, CHRISTOPHER J	Assistant Commissioner	SES	7/26/2017	Leadership	CBP Office of Chief Counsel Senior Leadership Forum	Closed to Media	PA	Yes	OTD	CBP/OCC	N/A	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	BAKER, PAUL	Deputy Assistant Commissioner	Grade 15	7/26/2017	Developing Leaders	CBP Resiliency and Mentoring Symposium	Closed to Media	TX	Yes	202-325-7100	RGV Sector	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	TOMBE, WOLF	Chief Technology Officer	SES	7/25/2017	Information Technology	Connected Government	TBD	DC	No	OIT	FCW	Cancelled	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Supervisory Import Specialistg	Grade 14	7/25/2017	International Trade	Conference	TBD	PA	Yes	OFO	Supply Chain Operations & Compliance in Pharmaceuticals	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVOST, CARLA (USBP)	Acting Chief	SES	7/25/2017	Women in BP	Women in Border Patrol	Local Media,National Media	NM	Yes	USBP	CBP/BP Academy	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Multiple Speakers	Grade 13 or below	7/24/2017	International Trade	Advanced Workshop on Origin Determinations	Closed to Media	DC	No	OT & INA	U.s. Department of Commerce	Approved	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)												
<input type="checkbox"/>	MILLS, THOMAS J	ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Grade 15	7/20/2017	Information Technology	Mobility Solutions In Government 2017 --FEDERAL EXECUTIVE FORUM	Local Media,National Media,Interview Requested by Event Sponsor	DC	No	OIT	Federal Executive Forum: Trezza Media Group -FederalNewsRadio	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAUNDERS, IAN C.	Acting Assistant Commissioner	SES	7/20/2017	Border Security	Conference	International Media,TBD	Lima, Peru	Yes	INA	WCO	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Attorney-Advisor	Grade 14	7/20/2017	Trade	U.S. 337 Investigation Technical Seminar	Closed to Media	DC	No	OT	Ministry of Commerce, Trade Remedy and Investigation Bureau People's Republic of China	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH, BRENDA BROCKMAN	EAC	SES	7/20/2017	International Trade	Roundtable	Local Media,National Media	AR	Yes	OT	WTC	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	BORKOWSKI, MARK S	Assistant Commissioner	SES	7/19/2017	Procurement	The Video Vortex: Using Surveillance to Improve Homeland Security	Closed to Media	VA	No	ES	MeriTalk	Cancelled	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	PITOTTI, STEPHEN J	Executive Director	SES	7/19/2017	Border Security	Executive Briefing	Closed to Media	DC	No	ES	Homeland Security & Defense Business Council	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	WAGNER, JOHN P	DEAC	SES	7/18/2017	Travel	Annual Conference	TBD	MA	Yes	Commissioner	Global Business Travel Association (GBTA)	Delegated	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	7/18/2017	International Trade	Bidirectional Education Forum with	TBD	Santa Clara	No	OFO	CompTIA	Form not submitted	No

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)					CBP and CEE Electronics Center							
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	SES	7/18/2017	International Trade	ITAC/SSCC	TBD	DC	No	OT	National Retail Federation	Delegated	No
BARLOW, RICHARD A	Chief Patrol Agent	SES	7/12/2017	Border Security	Trans-Border Opportunities Certificate Program	TBD	CA	No	USBP	Univ. of San Diego / Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Assistant Director	Grade 14	7/11/2017	Trade	Centers for Excellence and Expertise (CEE) Presentation	Closed to Media	NY	Yes	OFO	Sandler, Travis, Rosenberg	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
TANCIAR, DANIEL P	Deputy Executive Director	Grade 15	7/11/2017	Border Security	Third Annual AAAE Airport Innovation Forum	Closed to Media	WA	Yes	PPAE	American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	Yes
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Supervisory Import Specialist	Grade 14	7/11/2017	International Trade	New England 2017	TBD	Boston	Yes	OFO	Clinical Rail Supply	Form not submitted	No
SMITH, BRENDA BROCKMAN	EAC	SES	7/4/2017	Border Security	Conference	International Media,TBD	Belgium	Yes	OT	WCO and B5	Delegated	No
CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 14	6/29/2017	International Trade	Annual Conference	TBD	NV	Yes	OT/OTR/OFO	World Academy	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
GIBSON, VINCENT	Acting Executive Director for the Procurement Directorate	SES	6/29/2017	Border Security	Security Industry Association (SIA) GovSummit	TBD	DC	No	ES	Security Industry Association (SIA) GovSummit	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
TANCIAR, DANIEL P	Deputy Executive Director	Grade 15	6/29/2017	Border Security	SIA Government Summit	Local Media,Trade press	DC	No	PPAE	Security Industry Association	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Program Manager	Grade 14	6/29/2017	Aviation	Government Forum	TBD	DC	No	AMO	Security Industry Association	Form not submitted	No
VITIELLO, RONALD D (USBP)	Acting C2	SES	6/28/2017	Border Security	Conference	TBD	DC	No	Commissioner's	Business Council For International Understanding	Delegated	No
WHITTENBURG, CYNTHIA F	DEAC	SES	6/27/2017	Aviation	Annual Meeting	Closed to Media,TBD	DC	No		Express Association of America	Delegated	No
RODRIGUEZ, CARLOS R	Information Technology Specialist	Grade 15	6/27/2017	International Trade	CESAC	Closed to Media	Riverdale		OT	CBP	N/A	No
BURLEY, LISA			6/27/2017	Trade			DC	No	OT	Innovation Forum		No

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<input type="checkbox"/>	MALMO, JERRY A	Multiple speakers	Grade 15			How business can tackle forced labor and human trafficking	Closed to Media					Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	6/27/2017	International Trade	Correct Procedures For Importing A Vehicle to the U.S.	TBD	NY	No	OFO	New York State Auto Dealers Association	Approved	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Supply Chain Security Specialist, Customs-Trade Partnership, OFO	Grade 13 or below	6/27/2017	International Trade, Cargo Security, Anti-Terrorism, Trusted Trader Programs	International Cargo Security from the Point of Origin into the U.S.	n/a	FL	Yes	OFO	Mid-Florida Freezer Warehouses; Dennick FruitSource, LLC	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Port Director	Grade 14	6/27/2017	Recruitment	U.S. Port of Entry Safety Workshop	TBD	TX	No	OFO	University of Incarnate Word	Approved	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIGHSMITH, ANNMARIE (OCC)	Deputy Chief Counsel	SES	6/27/2017	International Trade	CITBA Annual Conference	Closed to Media	DC	No	OCC	CITBA	Pending DHS Speakers Bureau Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Multiple Speakers	Grade 14	6/27/2017		Pharm CEE Outreach	TBD	NY	Yes	OT and OFO	CBP	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	CBPSPEAKS	TBD	Grade 15	6/26/2017	International Trade	Panel on Current Efforts To Battle Counterfeit in U.S. Marketplace	Closed to Media	VA	No	OT	Bar Association of DC	Pending CBP Speaks Review	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	MADDEN, JAMES T	Field Director	Grade 15	6/26/2017	International Trade	RA Broker Validation Activities	Closed to Media	webinar	No	OT	Office of Trade Relations and Office of the Commissioner	Approved	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Supply Chain Security Specialist, Customs-Trade Partnership, OFO	Grade 13 or below	6/23/2017	International Trade, Cargo Security, Trusted Trader Programs	Advanced Level C-TPAT for Brokers Training	N/A	FL	No	C-TPAT Miami	KCI Customs Brokers, Inc. (CHB & FF)	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	HUFFMAN, BENJAMINE C	Chief	Grade 15	6/22/2017	Immigration Policy	Annual Conference AC17, June 21-24, 2017	TBD	LA	Yes	OFO	American Immigration Lawyers Association	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	MALMO, JERRY A	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	6/22/2017	Trade	Forced Labour and Human Trafficking	TBD	DC	No	OT	Innovation Forum UK	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	KENDRICK, THOMAS J	Chief Sup. Ag. Splst.	Grade 14	6/22/2017	Recruitment	Ag Discovery Program	TBD	TX	No	OFO	Texas A&M University/Prairie View A&M University	Approved	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCHMELZINGER, LIZ	Director	Grade 15	6/22/2017	International Trade	96th Annual Conference	TBD	Austin	Yes	OFO	AAEI	Form not submitted	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	MCALLENAN, KEVIN K	Acting C1	Grade 15	6/21/2017	International Trade	Annual Conference (June 19-21, 2017) "NextGen" Building Frictionless Trade for the 21st Century	Local Media,National Media	TX	Yes	Office of Commissioner	AAEI	N/A	No



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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Branch Chief, Audit Policy	Grade 14	6/21/2017	International Trade	AAEI's 96th Annual Conference & Expo	Closed to Media	TX	Yes	OT	American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	(A) APD, Trade Operations	Grade 14	6/21/2017	Trade	AAEI 96th Annual National Conference & Expo	TBD	TX	Yes	OFO	AAEI	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
NEUHART, VALARIE M	Acting Director	Grade 15	6/21/2017	International Trade	Annual Conference	National Media	TX	Yes	202-344-1007	AAEI	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Field Canine Advisor	Grade 14	6/21/2017	Recruitment	Open House	TBD	MD	Yes	OFO	FEMA	Approved	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	CBPO	Grade 14	6/21/2017	Border Security	Summer Maritime Academy	TBD	Houston	No	OFO	Texas Southern University	Approved	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Supervisory CBP Officer	Grade 13 or below	6/21/2017	International Trade	Export University	No media anticipated	CA	No	OFO	Victor Castillo	Pending DHS Speakers Bureau Review	No
PERRY, CHRISTOPHER M	Director, Field Operations	Grade 15	6/20/2017	International Trade	2017 Supply Chain Summit	TBD	MI	No	OFO	Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG)	Form not submitted	No
PICCONE, COLLEEN C (OCC)	Associate Chief Counsel, NY	SES	6/16/2017	Border Security	National Security in a Cyber World	Closed to Media	NY	No	OCC	NYC Lawyers' Association	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
MCALLENAN, KEVIN K	Acting Commissioner	SES	6/14/2017	Border Security	Conference Event	TBD	DC	No	Commissioner's Office	Woodrow Wilson Center	N/A	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Port Director	Grade 13 or below	6/14/2017	Travel	Private Boater Presentation	Closed to Media	Vancouver, BC Canada	No	OFO	Bluewater Cruising Association	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
MUNETON, ELVA M HOGUE, PAULINE K SMITH, BRENDA BROCKMAN CONNOR, GREGORY SINGER, HAROLD M	Multiple Speakers	Grade 15	6/14/2017	Trade	Q2 Customs Committee Meeting	Closed to Media	DC	No	OT	CompTIA	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	CBPO/Program Manager	Grade 14	6/14/2017	Enhanced Tribal Card	National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)	Closed to Media	CT	Yes	APP/TPD	NCAI mid-year 2017	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No
(b) (6), (b)	Assistant Center Director	Grade 14	6/14/2017	Trade	Seminar	Closed to Media	CA	No	(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	CBFANC- Customs Brokers Freight Forwards of Northern CA	Pending DHS Speakers Bureau Review	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Senior Import Specialist	Grade 14	6/14/2017	International Trade	Agiculture & Prepared Products Seminar	TBD	Miami	No	OFO	PROFIT	N/A	No
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	Area Port Director	Grade 14	6/13/2017	Travel	2nd Annual Caribbean Aviation Meetup Conference	TBD	St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles, Caribbean	Yes	OFO	Caribavia, Princess Juliana International Airport, St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles	Approved by DHS Speakers Bureau	No

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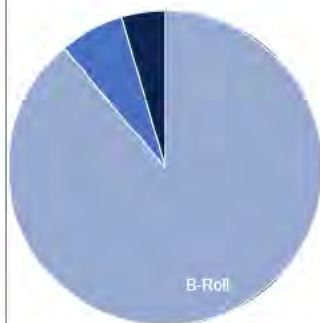
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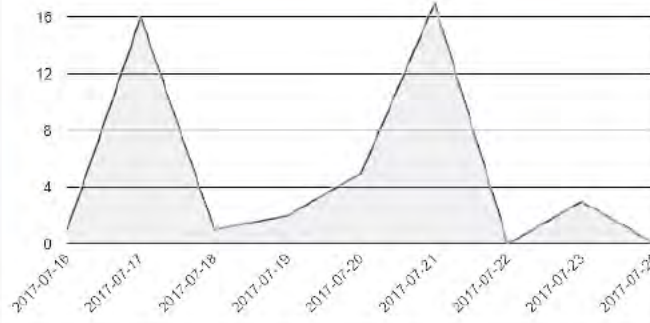
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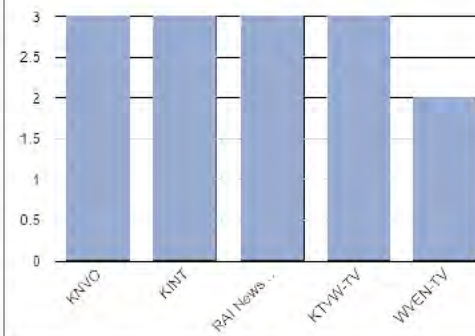
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**U.S. Coast Guard Receives 2014 Officer Award**  
 The U.S. Coast Guard's 2014 Officer Award ceremony was held on November 10, 2014, at the Coast Guard's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The award was presented to the 2014 Officer Award recipient, [Name], by the Coast Guard's Commandant, [Name].



**CBP Receives \$5 Million in Grant from DHS**  
 The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has received a \$5 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to support the development of a new system for processing and analyzing data from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) [System Name].



**CBP Officer Receives 2014 Officer Award**  
 The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has received a 2014 Officer Award from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for [Name]. The award was presented to [Name] by the CBP's Commandant, [Name].

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OPA Week At A Glance July 17-23, 2017							
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**SPEECHWRITER – PENDING TASKS**

DATE	EVENT	TOPIC	ADVISOR/POC	TASKED	DUE TO OCBS
7/25	CBP Office of Chief Counsel Senior Leadership Forum, Philadelphia	Issues of interest to CBP's Office of Chief Counsel	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) OCC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	6-23	7-13 10 a.m.
7/29	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE) Executives, Atlanta	CBP's law enforcement mission, resiliency, agent wellness, safety	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) IPL – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	6-23	7-10 Noon
8/21-25	BP Chiefs' Quarterly Leadership Mtg. Buffalo NY (C2)	Issues of interest to BP Chiefs, including border infrastructure	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)		
8/22	National Native American Law Enforcement Association (NNALEA) – Las Vegas	CBP's engagement with tribal LE authorities, border security	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) IPL – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) OFO – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	6-26	8-3 Noon
8/23-24	Middle Eastern Law Enforcement Officers Association (MELOA) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Diversity Training Conference – Dearborn, MI (C2)	CBP's best practices regarding community engagement, diversity awareness	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) IPL – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) IPL – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	7-12	8-11 Noon
8/23	CCOAC Public Meeting – Los Angeles	Regular Quarterly Meeting and Committee Reports	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) OTR – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) OT – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)	6-26	8-9 10 a.m.
9/12-13	U.S. Canada Border Conference, Detroit MI	Common areas of interest: border security, trade/travel facilitation and enforcement			
9/26	ACI Advanced Forum on Customs and Trade Enforcement ( <i>invitation pending</i> )	Customs and trade enforcement: IPR, AD/CVD, forced labor, etc.	OC – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) OT – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) OTR – (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)		
10/4	User Fee Advisory Committee (UFAC) - DC	Travel Facilitation and Cooperation with Airports	OTR		
10/13	WESCCON Luncheon Keynote Rancho Mirage, CA		OTR		

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Nice Work Mr. Brown!

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Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner

CBP Air and Marine Operations

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Subject: The Key West Citizen covers TARS and TML

Good Evening,

Reporter Tim O'Hara with The Key West Citizen, recently visited Cudjoe Key, FL, to obtain more information on our newest aerostat. Kudos to Rob Brown for conducting a great interview and accommodating this last minute request.

Thanks,

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## WEATHER



Maicee Gage, first grade, Poinciana Elementary School

See forecast on Page 2A

## FLORIDA

## Missing girl found dead identified

A body found dead in a Florida nature preserve this week has been identified as that of a 13-year-old girl who had been reported missing. Janessa Shannon's body was found by a hiker on Wednesday at the Triple Creek Nature Preserve in Riverview. Her identity was confirmed by the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office. **Page 3A**

## NATION

## Lighting should have alerted pilots

Investigators looking into the frighteningly close call involving an airliner that nearly hit planes on the ground at San Francisco International Airport will try to determine why the pilots made such a rookie mistake and nearly landed on a busy taxiway instead of the runway. The Air Canada plane with 140 people aboard came within 100 feet of crashing onto the first two of four passenger-filled planes readying for takeoff. **Page 9A**

## WORLD

## Attacker first sat, spoke with victims

The Egyptian university graduate who stabbed two German women to death at a popular Red Sea resort first sat and spoke to them in fluent German before producing a large kitchen knife and attacking them, security officials said Saturday. Leaving them for dead, 29-year-old Abdel-Rahman Shaaban fled the scene, chased by hotel workers and security guards. **Page 9A**

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# Ride-share having big impact in Key West

BY SCOTT UNGER

Key West Citizen

Success or disaster?

When it comes to ride-share companies in Key West, it depends on who you ask.

Two weeks after the debut of Uber and Lyft as a result of new Florida legislation, operators say the launch is going well, while cab companies say the new additions have flooded the streets and greatly impacted profits.

Key West Cab owner Karen Stifel said her business has been negatively affected by the debut in sev-

eral ways.

"The drivers' income has been cut in half, to the point where I have had to lower my driver leases, as they are not making enough to pay their rent," Stifel said. "This also impacts me as the owner because my expenses remain the same. My insurance bills don't go down nor do my repair bills go down, yet my income has."

The idea that introducing a new car service with the idea it would reduce the number of cars on the streets never made sense when discussed among city leaders, Stifel said.

*"The city was worried about too many vehicles, this has just increased everything."*

Jim Jernigan  
Five 6's cab driver

"They thought Uber would be great because it's going to take cars off the road and I really didn't understand that concept, because people want to make money so they're going to get in their cars and drive," Stifel said.

Five 6's cab driver Jim Jernigan said his earnings have been cut by more than 80 percent following an

influx of drivers in the last week.

"The city was worried about too many vehicles, this has just increased everything," Jernigan said.

Only a handful of drivers were on the streets during the first week, but in the last week many more have

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## HEY, HEY ... HEY!



Photos by BRIAN BASHAM/The Citizen

Crews bring in two Customs and Border Protection blimps on Cudjoe Key on Friday afternoon due to impending weather in the area. The second blimp, foreground, will be used to monitor boat traffic coming into the United States. The blimp that has been stationed at the end of Blimp Road for decades, known locally as 'Fat Albert,' background, has been used to monitor air traffic coming into the country. The two blimps are among nine in Customs and Border Protection's Tethered Aerostat Radar System program and are used to monitor the southern border of the United States for migrant and drug smuggling.

## 'Fat Albert' blimp gets a little brother — for the moment

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA

Key West Citizen

Customs and Border Protection has added another set of eyes to its high-tech surveillance system on Cudjoe Key, adding another feature to the skyline of the Lower Keys.

To locals, this means the blimp commonly referred to as "Fat Albert" has a little brother, or sister, in need of a nickname.

The new blimp, which is here

as part of a test, is designed to monitor boat traffic coming into the United States.

"Fat Albert" has been used for more than three decades to monitor air traffic coming into the country, said Robert Brown, who is the manager of the program for Customs and Border Protection.

The two helium-filled giants on Cudjoe Key are part of a series of blimps in

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Robert Brown, manager of the Cudjoe Key blimp for Customs and Border Protection, stands under the smaller of the two blimps at the site.

## County to look at retiree insurance issue again

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA

Key West Citizen

Monroe County Commissioner David Rice is asking the commission to reconsider its vote on a proposal that reduced \$1.3 million a year in insurance costs for county retirees, which is funded by taxpayers.

The commission will vote on the request when it meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Marathon Government Center, 2798 Overseas Highway. If the commissioners agree to reconsider, they will formally vote again on the policy at the July 25 budget meeting in Key West.

Last month, the commission approved a change to its insurance plan for people who retire early, but still receive county-funded health benefits.

In some cases, county employees have retired as early as 48, but still received county subsidized insurance until they were Medicare eligible at 65.

The policy is costing the county roughly \$1.3 mil-

See **INSURANCE**, Page 10A

## Rape trial set to begin this month pushed back to September

BY ADAM LINHARDT

Key West Citizen

The trial of a Florida Keys man accused of brutally raping a woman in Tavernier last year that was set to begin this month has been continued to September, according to court records.

Johnny Lee Hayes, 54, was charged with life felony sex-

ual battery resulting in serious bodily injury; first-degree felony kidnapping, also punishable by a maximum of life in prison; second-degree aggravated battery and second-degree robbery. Second-degree felonies are each punishable by a maximum of 15 years in



Hayes

prison.

Jury selection for the trial had been scheduled to begin on Monday, July 24, at the Plantation Key courthouse before Circuit Judge Luis Garcia. The new trial date is now Sept. 18 before the same judge at the same courthouse.

Typically, administrative reasons means other cases are crowding the docket and judges historically want to have enough allotted courtroom time should the trial take longer than expected. The 39-year-old Tavernier victim was raped while walking to a bar at Mile Marker 91 around 9 p.m. March 13, 2016. A male came out of

the bushes, grabbed her and dragged her into the wooded area behind the Tavernier Towne Shopping Center, 91256 Overseas Highway.

The suspect allegedly beat her, breaking multiple ribs as well as bones in her face, and reportedly told her that he had done this to six

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## IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST:

### • Foster homes wanted

Wesley House Family Services is actively seeking families interested in providing a home to children and will be holding a Foster Parent Training series beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, in Key Largo. For information and registration, call Megan Burgess at 305-809-5020 or email at [megan.burgess@wesleyhouse.org](mailto:megan.burgess@wesleyhouse.org). The deadline for registration is Monday, July 17. The event will take place at Wesley House Family Services, 99451 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

### • Republicans

The Southernmost Republican Club

will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at the VFW with speaker Joyce Griffin, supervisor of elections. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call 305-942-1611. The VFW is located at 2200 N. Roosevelt Blvd.

### • Reef Relief meeting

Reef Relief will hold a membership meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at the Casa Marina Resort. For information, email [reefrelief@gmail.com](mailto:reefrelief@gmail.com) or call 305-294-3100. Casa Marina is located at 1500 Reynolds St.

### • Plant clinic offered

Help is offered for plant and insect problems by Monroe County Master Gardeners at a free plant clinic in

Key Largo from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 19, at the Murray E. Nelson Center, 102050 Overseas Highway. For information, call 305-292-4501 or visit <http://monroe.ifas.ufl.edu>.

### • HAZWOPER training

Hazardous waste operations and emergency response training will be held Thursday, July 20, at the Marathon Fire Department and on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Key Largo Library. The training session for initial certification will be from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and training for annual recertification will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. For information or to register, call 305-600-8441 or email [keys.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:keys.volunteers@gmail.com).

### • Volunteers needed

Tropic Cinema is seeking volunteers. Training is provided and volunteers will receive movie passes and free popcorn. For information, call John at 305-295-9493 or visit <http://www.tropiccinema.com>. Tropic Cinema is located at 416 Eaton St.



Photo provided

Tropic Cinema is seeking volunteers. Training is provided and volunteers will receive movie passes and free popcorn.

## Citizens' Voice

"Citizens Voice" is a forum for readers to tell us what's on your mind, as briefly as possible. Call the Voice at 305-293-7900 or email [voice@keysnews.com](mailto:voice@keysnews.com). Your comments are subject to editing and are not guaranteed publication.

"You get good employees by being a good example; you lead by doing. I hire local kids, teach them what I expect: A good first impression, courtesy and strong work ethic. Maybe it's your management skills that are creating your poor results."

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"You entitleds feel you can buy your private parking spot in your complex/annex and then park in someone else's neighborhood. I just want to park at least three blocks near my house but can't because you refuse to pay for parking outside your neighborhood and feel entitled to park in mine."

"Almost every day for years, at least twice a day, a guy on a bicycle wearing a red shirt and suspenders passes my house. He comes to a full stop at both the stop signs on my block, even if there is no traffic anywhere. He signals properly for his turn. For over a week, he has disappeared. What happened to the only proper bicyclist on the island? Anyone know?"

"I have to agree with the (writer) about the rail being a terrible idea for the Keys. We don't really have enough land as it is, and to have what we have eaten up by a rail system sounds ludicrous. What we do have is plenty of water; I think a system of ferries for people, perhaps people and vehicles, might be a better way of looking at this whole thing."

"During these slower summer months, restaurants really count on locals to eat in the restaurants. A certain restaurant owner surely stuck her foot in her mouth by calling half of the American workers in Key West worthless."

"Anyone who thinks the TPS status should end does not have their finger on the pulse of this town! I guess they say ignorance is bliss!"

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## CRIME REPORT

### Traffic stop led to cocaine arrest on Stock Island

#### CITIZEN STAFF

STOCK ISLAND — A traffic stop Wednesday led to the seizure of more than 16 grams of cocaine, according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Anthony Macias, 34, of Stock Island, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Alexandra Davis was on patrol on 5th Street just after 2 p.m. when she saw a Ford van with an expired tag. She pulled the van over and identified the driver as Macias, reports say.

When Macias rolled down his window to speak with the deputy, she smelled the odor of marijuana emitting

from the window, reports say. Deputy Christopher Schwartz responded to back her up on the traffic stop.

A search of the van turned up 16.4 grams of cocaine in several plastic bags, reports say. Macias also had a digital scale in the van like those commonly used to weigh illegal substances and deputies allege the scale had cocaine residue on it.

Macias was taken to the Monroe County Detention Center on Stock Island.

*Information in the Crime Report is obtained from reports provided by area law enforcement agencies.*

*If you have information that could help solve a crime in the Florida Keys, call Crime Stoppers, 800-346-TIPS.*

## TODAY IN KEYS HISTORY



The American Shoal Lighthouse, pictured, was first lighted in 1880.

Photo provided

**1856:** William Hackley recorded in his diary: Rose at 4 a.m. and walked on the beach, returned home and bathed. At 8 a.m., barometer 29.55, thermometer 84.5, wind east northeast 2, clouds 4. A nice shower about 7 a.m. Saw a duck in the Lighthouse pond as I returned. Reading. P.M. Siesta.

**1880:** The American Shoals Lighthouse was first lighted.

**1893:** Judge Angel De Lono died at 69 at his home on Caroline Street. He was born in Santiago de Cuba and came to Key West in 1878. He had served as justice of the peace and county judge.

**1935:** The Pulaski Shoals Lighthouse was first lighted.

**1953:** The Monroe County Commission approved a 99-year lease of \$1 a year with the Key West Lions Club for a choice bay bottom site on North Roosevelt Boulevard.

**1954:** There had been 33 cases of polio reported for the year.

**1956:** The Church of God on Grinnell Street celebrated the arrival of their new pastor, the Rev. G.W. Fletcher Philips.

**1961:** County Commissioner Clarence Higgs, 59, died suddenly at his home. He had served on the commission since 1944 and was business manager of the local Carpenters' Union, a position he had held for 22 years.

**1970:** The Key West Housing Authority celebrated the ground breaking for the 200-unit senior citizen high rise on Kennedy Drive.

**1980:** Federal Judge William O. Mehrkens died in Miami at 75. The judge was an ardent naturalist and fisherman, who had issued many rulings affecting development in the Keys.

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## CORRECTIONS

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Editor's Note: There will be no visible passes of the International Space Station until after Thursday, July 20.

### KEY WEST 5-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>88/81</b>	<b>90/80</b>	<b>89/81</b>	<b>89/81</b>
Clouds and sun; girl's beach day	Partly cloudy; got alone?	A.M. shower; birds and flowers drink for free	Partly sunny; gonna soak up the sun	A t-shower in spots; see spot, run	Clouds and sun; time to hit the water

TIDES	Source: <a href="http://www.saltwatertides.com">www.saltwatertides.com</a>
<b>Key West</b>	<b>Marathon</b>
<b>Lows</b>	<b>Highs</b>
7/16 9:48 AM 9:48 PM	12:27 AM 7:49 AM
7/17 11:03 AM 10:41 PM	1:04 PM 8:21 PM
7/18 12:15 PM 11:37 PM	1:18 AM 8:25 AM
7/19 1:21 PM —	2:13 PM 11:28 PM
	2:10 AM 9:04 AM
	3:20 PM —
	3:03 AM 12:50 AM
	4:20 PM 9:47 AM

### YESTERDAY'S AVG. WATER TEMPERATURE

July 15: 86.7°

### PRECIPITATION AS OF TWO DAYS AGO

	Actual	Normal	Record	Last Year
July 14	0.00"	0.11"	1.97" (1953)	0.06"
Month-to-date	1.62"	1.63"	—	0.55"
Year-to-date	16.38"	16.37"	—	13.34"

### National weather

Forecast for Sunday, July 16, 2017

Reads separate high temperature zones for the day:



### MARINE WEATHER FORECAST

East to southeast winds 5 to 10 knots. Bay waters smooth to a light chop. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Night: Southeast winds near 5 knots. Bay waters smooth. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:48 AM
Sunset today	8:18 PM
Moonrise today	12:52 AM
Moonset today	1:30 PM
New	July 23
First	July 30
Full	Aug. 7
Last	Aug. 14

## ROADWORK

### • The Triangle, Key West

FDOT traffic operations roadway improvement project at The Triangle, at North Roosevelt Boulevard and U.S. 1. Expect nighttime lane closures, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., and occasional daytime lane closures. The project is expected to be completed by September.

### • U.S. 1, Niles Channel

Bridge rehabilitation project from Mile Marker 25.4 to Mile Marker 26.25. The project is expected to be completed in June.

### • U.S. 1, Lower Keys

FDOT landscaping project from Mile Marker 28.75 to Mile Marker 32.98, and from Mile Marker 32.98 to Mile Marker 25.40. The project is expected to be completed in December 2019.

### • U.S. 1, Seven Mile Bridge

Bridge rehabilitation project from MP 8.932 to MP 15.725. Expect nighttime southbound lane closures, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. The project is expected to be completed in March 2019.

### • U.S. 1, Mile Marker 47-54.6

FDOT roadway improvement projects at three locations. The projects are expected to be completed in December.

### • U.S. 1, along Channel Two Bridge

Bridge repair and rehabilitation is underway at Mile Marker 73. The project is expected to be completed in October.

### • Information

For traffic information, consult 511 or 305-849-1847 or go to <http://www.fl511.com>. For questions, call FDOT at 786-510-3921 or email [psummers@mrgmiami.com](mailto:psummers@mrgmiami.com).

## IN PORT

### TODAY

Empress Mallory  
12:30 to 7 p.m.

### MONDAY

Equinox Pier B  
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Carnival Victory Outer Mole  
7:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Cruise ship information is provided by the City of Key West. For updated information, call 305-809-3790.

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# MILE MARKERS

## KEY WEST

### Reef Relief to hold membership meeting

Reef Relief's 30th annual membership meeting will be held Monday, July 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Casa Marina Resort.

Presenters include state Rep. Holly Raschein, R-Key Largo, who will discuss the recent legislative session; Dr. Rivah Winter from the new Philip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, who will discuss her work developing a laboratory method to increase coral resistance to bleaching events by promoting thermally tolerant symbionts; and Dr. Alex Brylske, who was recently appointed to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee.

The meeting is open to current Reef Relief members, although anyone may join or renew at the door for a \$30 donation.

For information, call 305-294-3100, email reefrelief@gmail.com or visit <http://www.reefrelief.org>.

The Casa Marina is located at 1500 Reynolds St.

### KWAHS puts out call for collections

Do you collect interesting and unusual objects? Are your shelves filled with knickknacks, curios, ornaments, trinkets, baubles, tchotchkes, artwork, and other objects of interest? Your unique treasures could be part of the upcoming "Key West Collects" exhibit, presented by the Key West Art & Historical Society at the Custom House Museum in December.

Keys residents who have their own unusual or impressive collections to loan can call KWAHS Curator Cori Convertito at 305-295-6616, Ext. 112.

The last "Key West Collects" exhibit, held in December 2013, included objects such as Cuban artwork, vintage cocktail shakers, aquarium ornaments, McCoy pottery, Inuit soapstone sculptures, tobacco premiums, and die-cast souve-

## KEY WEST



Photo provided by Key West Arts & Historical Society

**A collection of vintage jewelry, loaned to KWAHS by the late Connie Gilbert, is on display for the last 'Key West Collects.' The society seeks unusual or impressive collections to loan for the next exhibit in December.**

nirs of famous landmarks from around the world.

"Key West Collects" will open with a special reception on Dec. 8, 2017, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Gallery at the Custom House Museum, and it will run through March 4, 2018.

For information, visit <http://www.kwahs.org>.

The Custom House is located at 281 Front St.

## LOWER KEYS

### Commuter shuttle to begin Monday

Key West Transit will add a commuter shuttle to the Lower Keys Shuttle on Monday, July 17. This additional run will leave Marathon at 6:30 a.m. from Mile Marker 53.5 at the Holiday Inn Express and is scheduled to reach downtown Key West a little after 8 a.m.

A new evening commuter shuttle will be leaving downtown Key West at 6 p.m., arriving in Marathon just after 8 p.m.

This added run in each direction is aimed at alleviating crowding on the buses during morning and evening commutes. It also provides riders an option to better suit their working hours.

For schedule information, visit <http://www.kwtransit.com> or on the City of Key West app, "Key West FI" on the Apple App Stores or on Google Play for Android.

## Gaited mammoth donkeys are unique breed developed in America

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OCALA — El is a giant among donkeys.

No, really. Whisper's Star of Rapha El, or El as he is known around the barn, is a gaited, mammoth Jack stud, with an emphasis on the mammoth.

El, and other mammoth donkeys, stand about a foot taller than their standard brethren. Males must be at least 56 inches at their withers (the ridge between the shoulder blades).

Yet, despite their intimidating presence, they act more like puppies.

Garris Graham leaned over El's paddock fence on a recent day and recalled how he fell in love with the breed. As he spoke, El ambled up and laid his head on Graham's arms.

Minutes earlier, El had followed Nancy Graham, Garris' wife, around the paddock like a loyal dog, nudging her for a head pat.

The Grahams breed mammoth donkeys at their Ever Green Farm in north-west Marion County. They offer El for stud service to other mammoth owners or to those who want a mammoth mule. Mating a Jack and a female horse produces a mule. Donkeys and horses



The Associated Press

**Nancy Graham talk with Mammoth donkey colt Eli at Ever Green Farm in Ocala.**

are part of the same family, but are separate species. That is why their offspring are sterile.

The mammoth breed developed in America and traces its history to George Washington.

Washington heard that farmers in Spain used an animal that looked like a horse, but worked harder and ate less. He asked the U.S. ambassador to Spain to track down the animal, which turned out to be the mule. Due to his interest, the king of Spain sent Washington a mule as a gift in 1785. It was the first mule in America and Washington dubbed it Royal

Gift. But the Spanish mule was kind of puny.

Since you cannot breed mules, Washington bred big donkeys to produce big, strong mules. Stronger mules plow more acres. That was important to farmers like Washington. Eventually, the modern mammoth donkey emerged.

Thanks to tractors, mules became obsolete as work animals in America. But today, there is a thriving, if under-reported, mule and donkey show circuit. The refined animals and studs like El are striking. El is a frosted, spotted, white mammoth. His white coat covers

his dapple skin.

Breeders mix and match to come up with a tapestry of colors and patterns. El's girlfriend, Joani, is even bigger, at 62 inches tall. She looks more like a traditional donkey, except supersized. She even carries the cross shaped markings on her back and shoulders that are typical of donkeys.

Despite her coloring, the baby at her side is the spitting image of his father. He was born in April and is already sold.

"The baby loves to be around people. He nuzzles on you and follows you around," Garris Graham said. "These guys are very gentle."

The Grahams got their first horse in 2004, when Nancy bought an Arabian named Silk. Garris said he knew he had to take up equines as well, if he wanted to spend any time with Nancy.

"When I was a kid, I saw a movie and the general in the movie was riding a white mule. When it came time to get something to ride, I said, 'I don't want to get a horse. I want to get a mule.' That's what started my love affair with these creatures," Garris said.

In 2007, El joined the band and the couple never looked back.

## Florida certified organic growers celebrates 30 years of healthful food

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE — Dealing with social justice issues associated with organic farming has been at the core of Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers of Gainesville's work since the group's creation.

Known as FOG, the nonprofit this month will celebrate 30 years of fighting for organic farmers, farm workers' rights and for people on the lower rung of the economic ladder to have access to healthy food.

Both the Gainesville and Alachua County commis-

sions declared July FOG Month.

Marty Mesh, executive director of the Gainesville-based organization, said it was established to support and promote sustainable organic agriculture through educating consumers, farmers, businesses, policy makers and the general public about issues associated with organic farming.

"We decided to collaborate with farm worker organizations and other groups to promote organic farming standards domestically," Mesh said.

## Missing girl found dead at nature reserve identified

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERVIEW — A body found dead in a Florida nature preserve this week has been identified as that of a 13-year-old girl who had been reported missing.

Janessa Shannon's body was found by a hiker on Wednesday at the Triple Creek Nature Preserve in Riverview. Her identity was confirmed by the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Crista Nunez said the case is being treated as homicide. Her cause of death has not been disclosed.

The girl had been reported missing on July 2, according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children website.

## Sinkhole stops growing after swallowing 2 houses

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAND O' LAKES — A sinkhole that swallowed a boat and destroyed two homes had stopped growing and officials said Saturday they would monitor it over the weekend before determining when cleanup can begin.

The hole has been stagnant since Friday afternoon, said Kevin Guthrie, Pasco County's assistant administrator for public safety. He confirmed that the hole, which is 250 feet wide and 50 feet deep, is the largest in three decades in the county, which has a history of sinkholes.

Dramatic video showed the home in Land O' Lakes, north of Tampa, collapsing into the hole Friday morn-



The Associated Press

**A sinkhole that swallowed a boat and destroyed two homes had stopped growing, officials said Saturday.**

ing. It quickly engulfed one home and a boat and then consumed about 80 percent of another home.

Guthrie said 11 homes in all have been affected. A third home lost about 45

feet of driveway and a septic tank.

Guthrie said that all three homeowners had insurance. No injuries have been reported.

State geologists and envi-

ronmental officials will continue to monitor the sinkhole over the weekend before determining when cleanup can begin.

The scene is being considered a hazardous materials incident because of possible septic tank issues and building debris. Guthrie said that chemicals from at least three septic tanks are in the sinkhole.

Cleanup will likely take weeks while repairs to the road and the damaged lots will take months.

Jared Hill of the Pasco County Sheriff's office said that deputies helped one of the homeowners retrieve some items on Friday night and that they would help with the other home on Saturday.

## CITIZEN OF THE DAY



BRIAN BASHAM/The Citizen

**Michele Malave moved to Stock Island last year from New York City for a 'change of pace and something new and different.' She has worked at Charlie Mac's for two months and likes the weather, food and laid-back attitude of the people here. 'Everybody's into living life without stress taking them over,' she said. When not working, she likes to make music and has studied audio engineering. She also likes to skate and ride her bike and go to the beach.**

## OBITUARY

### LEDA GRODSKY SEIGAL

A Celebration of Life for Leda Grodsky Seigal will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at the Keys Community Church, 30300 Overseas Highway, Big Pine Key, Florida, at 1 p.m.

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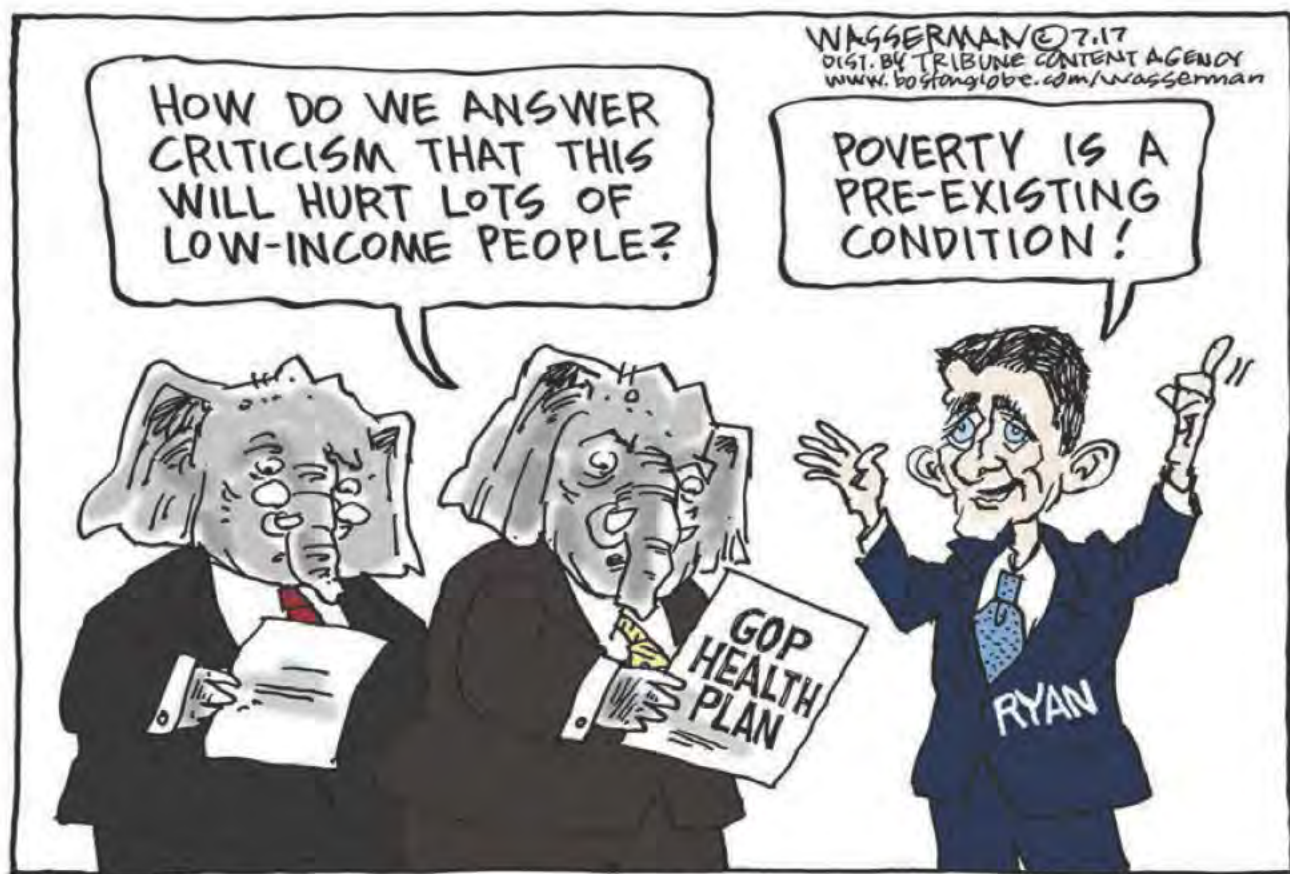
## Shortchanging state colleges

### Editorial

Gov. Rick Scott chided lawmakers for pitting Florida's 28 state colleges against universities. Over decades, the mission of Florida's state college system has stretched to include a multitude of goals: Easy entry to higher education for graduating high school seniors who will go on to the state university system. Rapid training for businesses that need skilled workers. A ladder up for people seeking to break free of a life of grinding labor and poverty. The system remains an incredibly good bargain, for students and taxpayers alike. And for residents of Bay and surrounding counties who head to Gulf Coast State College, that value is easy to see. State colleges play a crucial role in fostering economic development. And we should continue to encourage one of the college's most important missions: Open access to education for students who struggle with fundamental educational deficiencies. It's a population that some Tallahassee leaders — including, apparently, Senate President Joe Negron — believe should be less of a priority. And those students are certainly the ones most likely to suffer from an unjust and illogical cut to state colleges' budgets for the fiscal year that started July 1. At Negron's insistence, the Legislature carved a net \$25 million from state college budgets, a move that will slash \$700,000 from Gulf Coast. And the budget made it clear that cuts should mostly impact remedial programs, such as writing labs, tutoring and peer mentoring. Ironically, these programs improved

the odds that students enrolling in Daytona State would stay until they earned a degree, a key metric in the state's performance rankings. Despite the cuts Gulf Coast President John Holdnak is confident that he can keep the school on track — through this round. At one point the school was looking at possibly losing up to \$2 million in state funding and the loss it did suffer can be absorbed easier, but not without any impact whatsoever. Hopefully, Holdnak will be able to keep some of the programs targeted by the Legislature on life support. But these are decisions no state college should have to make — particularly in light of the bounty heaped on the state university system, which received a \$250 million boost in funding. As he vetoed a bill that would have done even more damage to the state college system, Gov. Rick Scott chided lawmakers for pitting Florida's 28 colleges against the universities. But Scott couldn't undo the cruel cuts to the colleges' bottom line. Certainly, Negron's goal to grow Florida's universities into world-class research institutions, luring elite faculty and top-ranked students from across the nation, is a worthy one. But it shouldn't leave state colleges — which serve more than double the number of students than the state university system, with roughly one-quarter of their funding — begging for scraps to serve those students who need help the most.

— Panama City News Herald



## Letters to the editor

### Seeks maximum penalty for poachers

I am once more angered and saddened by the continued poaching of our natural resources by the ignorant and selfish. Recall the recent snatching of Key deer by two Miami-Dade residents that resulted in the death of one (of the endangered animals). Recently six men from Alabama and Georgia speared 586 out-of-season lobsters including more than 100 undersized lobsters. They also poached stone crabs and reef fish over a two-day period. I am grateful for the thorough work by our marine law enforcement officers, particularly Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers. As we know our natural resources — especially our marine life — drives the Keys' economy. Those, such as these Neanderthal throwbacks, are stealing from all of us. I urge prosecutors and judges to impose the maximum penalty on those who poach in our waters and in our preserves. Let them hunt lionfish and Burmese pythons. There is no limit, nor is there a season for these invasive creatures. Let us set an example of these poachers and send the message loud and clear to others who would steal from us all that the people of the Keys will not tolerate the rape of our pelagic wildlife.

Steve Gibbs  
Key Largo

### City should sue Navy to offset harbor costs

I read in The Citizen that City Manager Jim Scholl is recommending an increase in the City of Key West property taxes. "We have some pretty significant additional expenses that we've obligated

ourselves to" Scholl stated. "The city ambulance service and the maintenance of the Truman Waterfront Park are two big items." I can't speak to the ambulance services; however, when the Navy transferred the property that has become the Truman Waterfront Park, as an "economic transfer" they required that the city have an economic plan to support the property prior to the transfer. If anyone recalls the economic plan, that the Navy approved, was centered on development of a deep water marina located in the inner basin of the harbor. Subsequently, when the Navy reneged on the city's use of the harbor, the city was left high and dry as to generating funds to offset the very maintenance costs Mr. Scholl is now proposing to pay with a tax hike. I believe that the city needs to sue the U.S. Navy for their promised (and required) use of the harbor or for the \$1.5 million-\$2 million dollars a year needed to offset the maintenance costs. Folks, these costs won't go away. They will only increase, year after year after year.

Ed Swift III  
Key Haven

### Navy seeks developer input on housing — what a lousy idea

The military allows its military personnel to live off its own housing quarters into private housing. Our government then pays the private housing rents for military personnel. Landlords know the maximum amount our U.S. government allocates for military personnel thus renting to the "top dollar." This created an "artificial inflation" for all who live in this tourist town. If you put a stop to this, landlords

will be forced to lower their exuberant rates. It's not "supply and demand" but "whatever top dollar you can get" which operates this town. Why would the Navy seek input from developers? This property is already developed. The public paid for this property — return it to its rightful owners. Start a co-op. Look at the lousy management of England-based company: Balfour Beatty. Its motive is money. The motive of co-ops is for the quality of life of the people. We always address the welfare of teachers, police, firefighters, etc. It's time we take care of the tourism industry workers who come and go; restaurant employees, hotel workers, watersports people, etc. Those who work in the tourism industry who truly make this town run. Divide this property to those businesses in the tourist industry whose people make minimum wage, work for tips, who come and go to live in this town, but while here, contribute greatly. Let the businesses turn these properties into single dwellings for single persons, who can only live in these homes as long as they live and work full time in Key West. Have everyone registered and viewed on a website — so no unauthorized persons can live there. Have their incomes made public so that we offer true affordable housing to jobs making below \$500 a week. Once a person leaves their job, they have to leave the apartment. Only rent these properties, owned by the public, and leased to the deserving businesses. This is how you provide affordable housing for persons with low salaries — who have suffered the most from this town's greed.

Diane Beruldsen  
Key West

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## Donald Trump Jr.'s bungled collusion is still collusion

BY CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER  
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The Russia scandal has entered a new phase and there's no going back. For six months, the White House claimed that this scandal was nothing more than innuendo about Trump campaign collusion with Russia in meddling in the 2016 election. Innuendo for which no concrete evidence had been produced. Yes, there were several meetings with Russian officials, some only belatedly disclosed. But that is circumstantial evidence at best. Meetings tell you nothing unless you know what happened in them. We didn't. Some of these were casual encounters in large groups like the famous July 2016 Kislyak-Sessions exchange of pleasantries at the Republican National Convention. Big deal. I was puzzled. Lots of cover-up, but where was the crime? Not even a third-rate burglary. For six months, smoke without



fire. Yes, President Trump himself was acting very defensively, as if he were hiding something. But no one ever produced the something. My view was: Collusion? I just don't see it. But I'm open to empirical evidence. Show me. The evidence is now shown. This is not hearsay, not fake news, not unsourced leaks. This is an email chain released by Donald Trump Jr. himself. A British go-between writes that there's a Russian government effort to help Trump Sr. win the election, and as part of that effort he proposes a meeting with a "Russian government attorney" possessing damaging information on Hillary Clinton. Moreover, the Kremlin is willing to share troves of incriminating documents from the Crown Prosecutor. (Error: Britain has a Crown Prosecutor. Russia has a State Prosecutor.) Donald Jr. emails back. "I love it." Fatal words. Once you've said "I'm in," it makes no difference that the meeting was a bust, that the intermediary brought no such goods. What matters is what Donald Jr. thought going into the meeting, as well as

Jared Kushner and then-campaign manager Paul Manafort, who were copied on the correspondence, invited to the meeting, and attended. "It was literally just a wasted 20 minutes, which was a shame," Donald Jr. told Sean Hannity. A shame? On the contrary, a stroke of luck. Had the lawyer real stuff to deliver, Donald Jr. and the others would be in far deeper legal trouble. It turned out to be incompetent collusion, amateur collusion, comically failed collusion. That does not erase the fact that three top Trump campaign officials were ready to play. It may turn out that they did later collaborate more fruitfully. We don't know. But even if nothing else is found, the evidence is damning. It's rather pathetic to hear Trump apologists protesting that it's no big deal because we Americans are always intervening in other people's elections, and they in ours. You don't have to go back to the '40s and '50s when the CIA intervened in France and Italy to keep the communists from coming to power. What about the Obama administration's blatant interference to try to defeat Benjamin Netanyahu in the

latest Israeli election? One might even add the work of groups supported by the U.S. during Russian parliamentary elections — the very origin of Vladimir Putin's deep animus toward Hillary Clinton, then secretary of state, whom he accuses of having orchestrated the opposition. This defense is pathetic for two reasons. First, have the Trumpites not been telling us for six months that no collusion ever happened? And now they say: Sure it happened. So what? Everyone does it. What's left of your credibility when you make such a casual about-face? Second, no, not everyone does it. It's one thing to be open to opposition research dug up in Indiana. But not dirt from Russia, a hostile foreign power that has repeatedly invaded its neighbors (Georgia, Crimea, Eastern Ukraine), that buzzes our planes and ships in international waters, that opposes our every move and objective around the globe. Just last week the Kremlin killed additional U.N. sanctions we were looking to impose on North Korea for its ICBM test.



# OPINION

## Lobbyist who met Trump Jr. says he's not Russian intel

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Russian-American lobbyist who attended a meeting at Trump Tower last year is a former military officer who has attracted congressional scrutiny over his political activities and has been shadowed by allegations of connections to Russian intelligence that he denies.

Rinat Akhmetshin confirmed his participation in the meeting to The Associated Press on Friday, providing new details of a June 2016 sit-down that included a Russian lawyer and President Donald Trump's oldest son, son-in-law and campaign chairman.

His attendance at the meeting and his lobbying background created a new wrinkle to a story that has hounded the White House for days and added to questions about potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Akhmetshin is well-known in Washington for his advocacy efforts. He's been outspoken in recent years about a U.S. law levying sanctions on Russians and has worked to undermine the public narrative used to justify the bill. And his name has also surfaced in multiple American lawsuits, including one involving the hacking of a company's computer systems.

Emails released this week by Donald Trump Jr. show the president's son agreed to the Trump

Tower meeting with the idea that he would receive damaging information on Hillary Clinton from someone described to him as a "Russian government attorney." Akhmetshin began working with that attorney, Natalia Veselnitskaya, in 2015, after a public relations person he declined to name introduced them.

The Russian government has denied any involvement or knowledge of the meeting. Asked Friday about Akhmetshin, Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters: "We don't know anything about this person."

In an interview, Akhmetshin denied suggestions made in media reports, congressional letters and litigation that he is a former officer in Russia's military intelligence service known as the GRU, dismissing the allegations as a "smear campaign."

He told the AP that he served in the Soviet Army from 1986 to 1988 in a unit that was part of counterintelligence but he was never formally trained as a spy. He said his unit operated in the Baltics and was "loosely part of counterintelligence."

Akhmetshin, a naturalized American citizen who has lived in Washington since the early 1990s, and Veselnitskaya are known for lobbying efforts involving the Magnitsky Act, a brace of economic sanctions targeting Russian officials and individuals.

## President Trump names lawyer to head beleaguered energy agency

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has nominated energy lawyer Kevin McIntyre to chair the vacancy-plagued commission that oversees the nation's power grid and natural gas pipelines.

Only one commissioner currently serves on the five-member Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, leaving it without a quorum and unable to make decisions on interstate pipelines and other projects worth billions of dollars.

If confirmed by the Senate, McIntyre, a Republican, would lead the five-member panel. Trump has nominated Republicans Neil Chatterjee and Robert Powelson to the commission and has said he intends to nominate Democrat Richard Glick.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has approved the two GOP nominees, but no vote has been scheduled in the Senate. Glick has not been formally nominated, but he is likely to be paired with McIntyre for Senate consideration.

McIntyre is co-head of global energy at Jones Day, a prominent

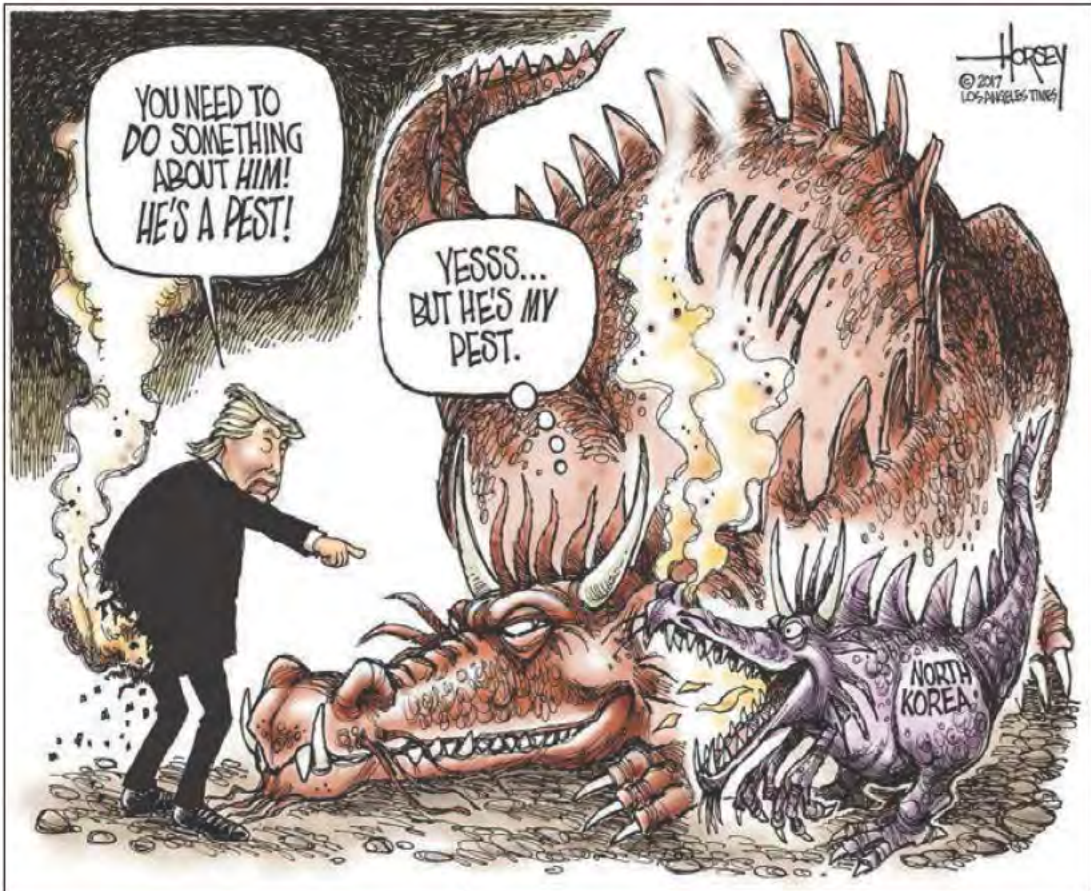
Washington firm that has provided a steady stream of lawyers to the Trump administration, including White House counsel Don McGahn. McIntyre has represented a range of energy suppliers before FERC, including suppliers of natural gas, oil, hydropower and wind power.

If confirmed, he would replace Democrat Cheryl LaFleur, who has been the panel's acting chair since January. LaFleur is expected to remain on the commission.

Trump has promised to usher in a "golden era of American energy" and has outlined a series of initiatives aimed at boosting energy production and exports and creating thousands of jobs.

The FERC vacancies hobble the agency's ability to make decisions and threaten to undermine Trump's promise of U.S. "energy dominance" in the global market. More than a dozen major projects and utility mergers have been in regulatory limbo for months, including the \$2 billion Nexus pipeline in Ohio and Michigan; the \$1 billion PennEast pipeline in Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and the \$5 billion Atlantic Coast Pipeline in West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina.

## Cartoonists' Corner



## Collusion

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There is no statute against helping a foreign hostile power meddle in an American election. What Donald Jr. — and Kushner and Manafort — did may not be criminal. But it is

not merely stupid. It is also deeply wrong, a fundamental violation of any code of civic honor.

I leave it to the lawyers to adjudicate the legalities of unconsummated collusion. But you don't need a lawyer to see that the Trump defense — collusion as a desper-

ate Democratic fiction designed to explain away a lost election — is now officially dead.

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